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THE FUTURE FOR FERRIES

THERE will be widespread disappointment that Hongkong's second vehicular ferry service will not come into operation before 1961, particularly as it promises to provide only partial relief. The increasing density of traffic on the existing service can only mean that by the time the new piers are in operation, conditions at the Connaught Road terminal will not be very much better than today. And probably long before the second service begins, there will be demands for a third with the prospect of another two-and-a-half year delay between the time the decision is taken and implemented.

The seriousness of the cross-harbour transport problem is not new. More than four years ago, the China Mail called for a tunnel linking island and mainland. Since then Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie's tunnel proposal and the bridge scheme proposed by Mr. K. B. Allport have been widely debated. The bridge has been the subject of preliminary investigations. An even later suggestion by Mr. Ken Watson is a causeway linking Kowloon with the island roughly along the line of the old, historic defence boom. In the budget debate, Colonel Clegg called attention to the inadequacy of the vehicular ferry services and urged Government to consider further steps to cope with the long-term problem.

BEFORE Hongkong decides to spend any more money on vehicular ferry piers we should decide now whether we are going to continue to pour millions into new ferry development or whether our cross-harbour communications demand something altogether bigger and more efficient. The need for an early decision should surely be clear. The ferry company cannot be expected to build new vehicular ferries if this kind of transport is to be scrapped before they have had a chance of recouping investment.

There are alternative lines along which the ferry company might develop. One way, we suggest, is a fleet of fast water buses running between Shaikwan and either Belcher Bay or the new resettlement area at Mt. Davis. There could be stops, consisting of small piers, at a number of points — North Point, East Point, Wanchai, Central, Saiyung-poon. Another fleet could operate between Kun Tong and the new satellite towns being planned in the Castle Peak area. The intermediate stops could be Tsun Wan, Lai-chikou, Shamshuipo, Yaumati, Hung Hom.

HARBOUR services like these are needed to supplement bus and tram services. The New Territories water bus service would also be a useful alternative to the loop railway we suggested earlier to serve the Castle Peak area. An efficient fleet of small fast ferries could also relieve the growing strain on the Colony's main roads, but it is important that Government indicates now how the ferry company should develop, to help Hongkong with its public transport problems. It would be foolish and wasteful to continue to apply patchwork solutions to this problem.

Would Infringe India's Neutrality Says Menon

SHOCK BAN ON ROCKET

Nehru Refuses Transit Visa To Blue Streak

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, March 30. The Indian Premier, Mr. Nehru has refused to allow British planes to take the Blue Streak rocket through India on its way to the Woomera firing range in Australia.

Look Who Was Here?



LOOK who was in Hongkong last week. An unfamiliar face with a very familiar name. He is a famous playwright, who wrote the score for a film which drew big crowds in Hongkong. "The Prince and the Showgirl" starring Sir Lawrence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe.

WHO is he? Turn to Page 2 to read Joanna Blair's report in "The Local Slant", a special Tuesday feature.

Tipsy Bandits Get Away With \$5,000

Miami, March 30. Three bandits, two of them tipsy, held up a savings and loan association today but apparently forgot where they parked their getaway car.

They got away with between \$5,000 and \$8,000 despite the confusion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

The FBI said witnesses overheard one of the tipsy robbers say as they were leaving, "do you remember where we left the car?" The witnesses said they did not hear the answer.

But apparently they eventually found it because they disappeared in a noon-day rush at a Hialeah shopping centre. — U.P.I.

TWO DEAD IN BIG PILE-UP

London, March 30. Two motorcycle speedway racing riders were killed in a massive pile-up in the 1,000 c.c. race at the Crystal Palace here today. Two of the riders collided in a bend and the rest of the field piled on top of them. The track was cleared and the meeting continued. — France Press.

Backed by the Defence Minister, Mr. Krishna Menon, he insists that since the Blue Streak is a weapon intended to deter Russia, it would infringe Indian neutrality if it passed through his territory.

This is one of the chief reasons, engineers are extending the RAF airfield at Gan in the Maldives Islands, south-west of Ceylon.

Gan is to become the main staging post for missiles going to Australia.

Ferried

They will be ferried there in giant transport aircraft which the Australian Government has brought from America.

After difficult negotiations, Nehru has permitted the smaller Black Knight rocket through India because this is "a research vehicle," not a weapon.

The Blue Streak is designed to deliver the H-Bomb 3,000 miles. But as no warheads are to be sent to Australia, no danger is attached to the transport of the rockets. — London Express Service.

DRUNK SETS FIRE TO HIS WIFE

El Paso, March 30. Police said today Airman Victor Leroy Bloodgett, 32, had confessed setting his wife on fire.

Officers said Bloodgett signed a confession that he splashed a drinking glass of fuel on Mrs. Bloodgett, 22, while she was asleep on a couch in their trailer home last night. Their 13-month-old son lay in his crib nearby.

He flipped open his lighter and ignited his wife.

Critical

Mrs. Bloodgett was in very critical condition in an El Paso hospital today following the fire that burned her over her entire body. The baby boy was listed in good condition in the same hospital.

Mrs. Bloodgett ran screaming from the trailer with her clothes afire.

"I was drunk at the time it happened," police quoted Bloodgett as saying. "I don't believe anybody would do what I did if they were in their right mind."

"I love my wife—it was because I was drunk," — U.P.I.

HIGH SOCIETY BALL FOR MARGARET?

Rome, March 30. The Colonna, Rome's grandest family, hope to give a ball for Princess Margaret when she visits Rome with the Queen Mother in April. It was learned today.

Don Antonio Colonna, who is Prince's Assistant at the Papal

PRIME MINISTER RELAXES WITH FAMILY



Liner Nearly Capsizes In Storm

New York, March 30. A damaged Argentine liner returned safely to port today with 99 safe but terrified passengers after a 48-hour battle against a monster storm that caused the ship to list as much as 60 degrees.

The Argentine State Lines reported that nine of the 11,300-ton Rio Tuayun's passengers and four crewmen were injured, none of them seriously, as the vessel fought for survival about 600 miles off the coast of North Carolina. The ship was en route from New York to South American ports.

Seaworthy

Capt. Jose Maria Dodero said his ship was seaworthy at all times, but a list of a few degrees more than 60 could have caused it to capsize. Dodero turned back Saturday night when winds rose to more than 100 miles an hour, waves of more than 60 feet engulfed the ship and the weather ahead looked even worse.

Meanwhile in Southampton, the Cunard liner Queen Mary decided today with tales of a gigantic freak wave which struck her mid-way in her passage from New York.

Capt. Andrew McKellar said the wave pitched his 30,000-ton liner 22 degrees to starboard, and then 16 degrees to the other.

A few passengers were cut and bruised, and even veteran members of the crew were thrown off their feet.

McKellar said, "wonderful tales had followed the Queen Mary all the way from New York, but the ship's stabilizers kept her steady except for that one tremendous roll." — U.P.I.

Through stands on the right hand of the Pope at major ceremonies, expects to give the "bell" in the absence of Rome, according to a well informed Roman society source.

The 45-year-old prince and his wife Maria, of the Tal. D'Agos

After reporting to the House of Commons on his trip to Paris, Bonn and Washington, Mr. Harold Macmillan dashed back to Downing Street to collect his family and take them to the Vaudeville Theatre for a visit to the long-running musical "Salad Days." Sitting in the stalls, he is flanked by his grandsons, Adam Macmillan (left) and Mark Faber. — London Express Photo.

Now, Air Girls Accused Of Being 'Unwashed'

London, March 30. The state-owned British European Airways was feuding again today with its ground hostesses.

New CP For HK Tomorrow

Mr. H. W. E. Heath has been appointed to act as Commissioner of Police from tomorrow, when he will take over from Mr. A. G. Maxwell, as announced last October.

JORGENSEN TO MARRY

New York, March 30. Christine Jorgensen who was transformed from a man into a woman in a series of operations in Copenhagen today applied for a marriage license at New York municipal building.

Miss Jorgensen, a former U.S. soldier, and her intended husband, Howard J. Knox, a statistician of Waukegan, Illinois, did not get the marriage license immediately because Knox did not have a copy of his divorce decree with him. Knox said he would obtain the requested copy in Chicago on Tuesday. — U.P.I.

family, met Princess Margaret when she visited Italy in 1948.

It is not yet known whether Princess Margaret has agreed to the Prince's plans or whether if the ball is held, the Queen Mother will go to it.

Ann Arbor, March 30. Only one out of 20 wives under 40 in the United States is fully covered by any form of birth control, a survey by University of Michigan indicated today. — U.P.I.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PREMIER

Bangui, March 30. Planes and search parties tonight searched dense equatorial jungle west of here for a missing aircraft and its nine passengers, who include M. Barthélemy Boganda, the Central African Republic's Prime Minister.

The plane disappeared last night during a flight to Bangui from Berberati, 200 miles west of here. Mr. Boganda, 48, most powerful political leader in the Republic, had been campaigning in Berberati for next Sunday's general election.

Wreckage sighted along the plane's route was reached by rescuers today—but they found it to be the remains of an aircraft which crashed 10 years ago. This afternoon, the search had to begin all over again. — Reuters.

Cosmetic Ban

But this time the hostess weren't taking the cosmetic ban lying down.

"Unwashed," muttered one grey-costumed receptionist at the west London air terminal. "Just because the airline has prehistoric ideas about beauty."

Her words trailed off as she turned to smile through her eye-shadow at a customer and offer her services. She was wearing red nail polish and she definitely did not look unwashed.

Consured

Section leaders already have censured three girls for dipping too deeply into their vanity boxes and cosmetics. One girl said they were told the company soon would publish a full report on just how the smart ground hostesses should look.

A company spokesman said there was no new ruling on make-up but a long-standing company rule forbade the ground staff to use eye shadow or nail polish.

He said the ruling was introduced because the make-up made the girls look "unwashed," but he declined to single out any of the great unwashed for specific comment. — U.P.I.

Here we go again. — U.P.I.

Chinese Search For Dalai Lama

Kallimpong, March 30. Chinese Air Force fighters have been searching rebel-held southeastern Tibet for the Dalai Lama and his party during the last few days, flying low over all possible escape routes, usually reliable sources here said.

The party is believed to have passed Samye Monastery and crossed the Brahmaputra River — a big obstacle — but unconfirmed reports say their progress is slow because many cabinet members travelling with the Dalai Lama are old.

Guarded

Meanwhile life in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, is still far from normal.

India's Consul-General was still confined to his consulate grounds which were strongly guarded by Chinese troops, they said.

When he wanted to visit the Chinese Consulate Bureau, he went in a Chinese car driven by a Chinese chauffeur, instead of his own transport. — Reuters.

STRAWBERRIES FOR LUNCH

Genoa, March 30. A basket of strawberries will be flown to Tokyo on April 8 for Crown Prince Akihito's wedding luncheon, it was announced today.

The mayor of the nearby Riviera resort of Arenzano, said the strawberries will be a present from the people of his town. — U.P.I.

To Visit Colony

Manila, March 31. The presidential yacht Lapu Lapu loaded with native products, a constitutional band and a folk dance troupe, leave here April 18 on a 27-day goodwill tour of Asian cities, including Hongkong. — U.P.I.

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TERENCE RATTIGAN

An Unexpected Pleasure In 'The Next Best'

SOMETIMES fate plays a trick and turns a bitter disappointment into a pleasant surprise. Such was the case of Miss Elaine Best whom, upon winning the 'Miss Secretary of Australia' contest, was treated to a round-the-world trip, a travelling wardrobe and a \$1,000 car.

Originally however, Elaine had her heart set on studying medicine. But when circumstances prevented this she decided to take a secretarial course instead!

On the first lap of her globe-trotting tour, this petite, hazel-eyed beauty said that of all her stop-overs, she is most anxious to see Rome.

Her interest in this famed city was sharpened recently when she was introduced to Robert Helpmann.

"He advised me," she said, "to see as much of Italy as I can."

Discussing Hongkong, Elaine said it came as a bit of a surprise to her. She hadn't expected the crowds, she said, and was quite dazzled by its beauty.

Unfortunately, a time limit prevented her from seeing very much of the Colony but she did manage to squeeze in a few hours shopping.

High on her 'must' list was jewellery—in particular, jade—which she was hoping to send home to her family.



ELAINE BEST

Artist's Baggage Problems

MRS Walter Steinhilber, wife of the American artist who recently held an exhibition of his work at the United States Cultural Centre, doesn't paint herself but says that all three of her children do.

"Quite enough for one family!" she exclaims.

On the 'go' every year since their marriage in 1921, Mrs Steinhilber says that an annual painting trip is seldom less than four months but rarely as long as the 16 months this present trip will require.

Never at a loss for something interesting to do, she said that when her husband sets off for the day with his brushes and paints, she spends her time visiting the museums, tourist spots and shopping centres of whatever place they happen to be in. And what's more—never tired of it!

Packing is no longer any trouble since years of experience have taught her not to overload the suitcases.

A bit of a trick, though, these days when she remembers that of their combined air luggage weight of 55 lbs, 35 lbs the complete painting equipment!

by
JOANNE BLAIR

POP—Gutter Percher



TERENCE RATTIGAN MAKES HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE EAST

LOOKING amazingly relaxed and handsomely tanned after several weeks of travelling, Mr Terence Rattigan, the famous playwright last week spent a few days in Hongkong. It was his first trip to the Far East.

This pleasant two-month holiday trip will culminate in a visit to New York where he will be on hand for the television production of "The Browning Version" starring Sir John Gielgud and Margaret Leighton.

"I am particularly interested in this," he said, "as I wrote the play especially for John Gielgud."

Mr Rattigan, who has recently been nominated for an Oscar for the screen play of "Separate Tables", has just completed a new play entitled "Ross".

A dramatic portrait, the play will star Sir Alec Guinness and will have its first performance in about a year's time.

LIKES BASEBALL

Of the 13 plays he has written, Mr Rattigan considers "Ross" to be his best, but adds, "You always consider the one you're working on at the moment to be your best. You have to!"

Sharing the typical Briton's love of golf, cricket and shooting, he also enjoys the somewhat un-English game of baseball.

"I was first introduced to the game," he says, "by the 8-year-old son of an American friend. And after half an hour of watching it, I was explaining it to him!"

It is not hard to understand then, that when Mr Rattigan makes trips to America, he is particularly pleased if they coincide with the baseball season.

At 3, She Knew Her Ambition

UNOFFICIALLY at the age of three but officially at five, Miss Eileen Fliessler, piano soloist with Thomas Scherman's famed 'Little Orchestra', knew that she wanted to be a concert pianist.

And so from that time onward, intensive study and hours upon hours of practice became her daily life.

"It has always been strange to me," she said, "that there has never been a really great American woman pianist. Every other country but ours has produced one."

She added, "I intend to be that person."

Married to the internationally known violinist

Arnon Rosand, Miss Fliessler says that although theirs is a truly musical home, their 14-year-old son does not show a great deal of interest in the art.

"He says he wants to be a lawyer," she laughs, "and frankly, I can see it coming in very handy!"

40 And 70!

Miss Fliessler says she practices almost all day when she is at home and as often as she can when on tour.

While this is her first trip to the East, she has already made three to Europe. The number of concerts she gives each year? Anywhere between 40 and 70! Of course, not many hours in a day are left for relaxation and family life but when there are, she indulges in her two favourite hobbies, painting and stamp collecting.



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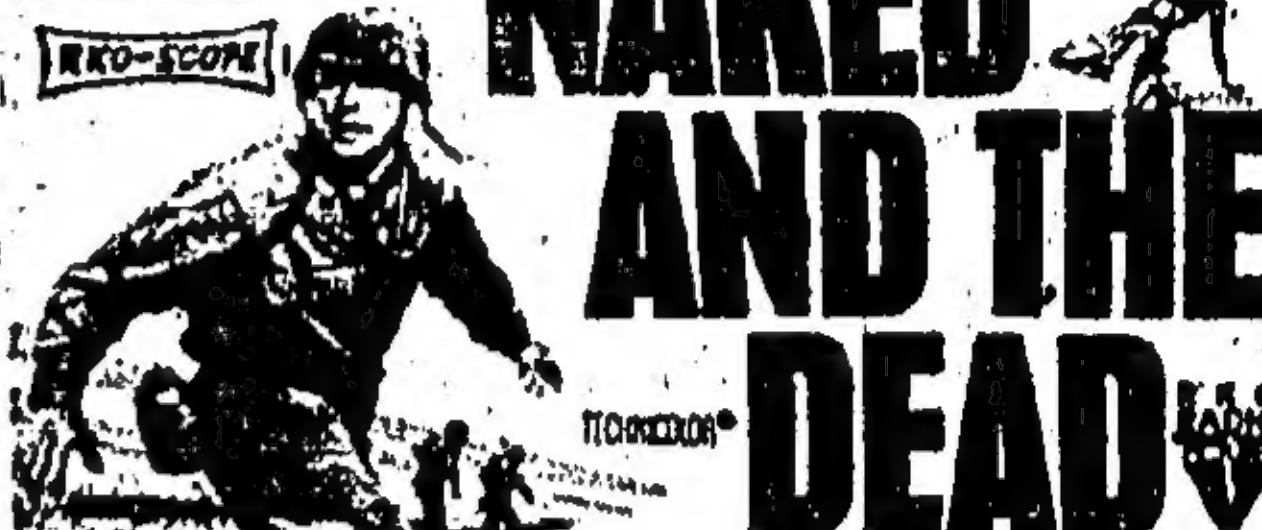
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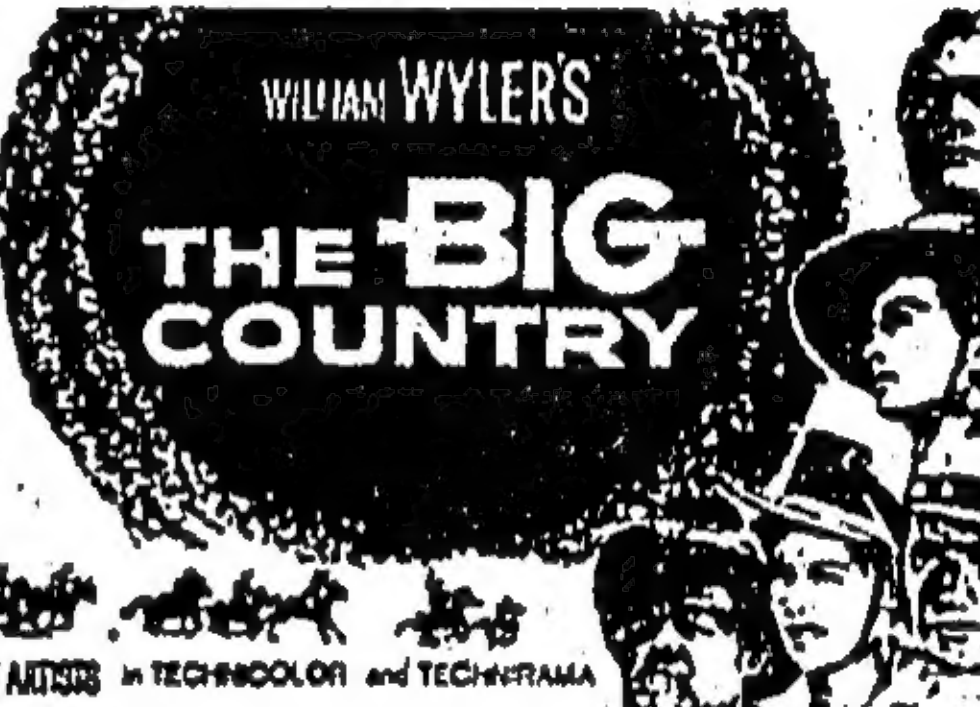
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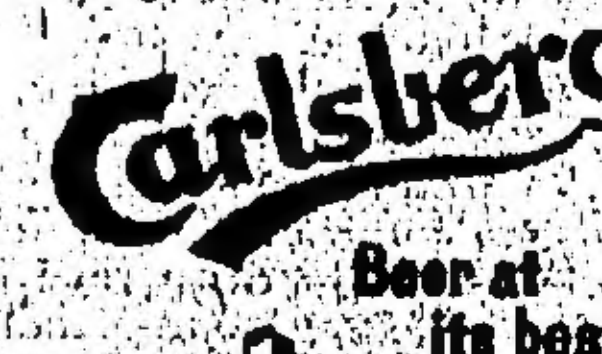
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Princess Grace

Operation For Grace: No Alarm, Please

Philadelphia, March 30. Princess Grace of Monaco will have an appendicitis operation in Lausanne, Switzerland, tomorrow, her sister said today.

The sister, Mrs. Donald Levine, said: "Grace has had a couple of attacks of appendicitis recently. It was nothing serious. She finally decided to have the appendix taken out before it did get serious."

Not Serious

Mrs. Levine said the operation was not regarded as serious and no emergency was involved.

But the operation had been kept secret from the people of Monaco so as not to alarm them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of Philadelphia — Princess Grace's parents — were in Europe with Dr. James Lehman, the Philadelphia surgeon who is to perform the operation, Mrs. Levine said. — Reuter.

Cruise Ship Swung In Wrong Direction In Fog

New York, March 30.

The captain of the cruise ship Santa Rosa admitted today he didn't reduce speed and he swung his vessel to port instead of starboard just before colliding with a tanker.

International sea rules provide for caution and for turning to the right by ships approaching each other on a potential collision course.

Two crewmen of the tanker Valchem were killed and two are missing and presumed dead in the crash off Atlantic City, New Jersey, early last Thursday. Three others are in hospital.

Capt. Frank S. Siwik of the Grace Line's Santa Rosa testified at a Coast Guard hearing that opened this morning.

Siwik said he was called to the bridge about 2:20 a.m. when the Santa Rosa, returning from a Caribbean voyage, ran into fog and another ship showed up on radar.

"I looked at the radar scope and I saw it was going to be a little close," Siwik said. "I ordered hard left rudder. I thought that with my speed I could get away from the fellow on my starboard side."

Collision

However, the Valchem turned to the right, in accord with normal sea procedure.

Siwik said that when he saw the lights of the approaching tanker he ordered hard right rudder.

Collision followed. The Santa Rosa slammed into the Valchem, nearly cutting her in two.

Siwik said his ship was moving at 21.5 knots, half knot above normal cruising speed.

Similar Smash

"The uppermost thing in my mind was to get away from the Valchem, he testified.

Previously, the captains of both ships had made sharply divergent public statements about the crash.

It followed by 25 days a similar accident at the New York Harbour entrance between the American export liner Constitution and the Norwegian tanker Juleita. — U.P.I.

Police Seek "Chick" In Death Stabbing Affray

London, March 30.

London detectives, seeking clues to a strange murder on Good Friday, were today scouring the city's underworld for a mysterious man named "Chick."

They believed the man can help them in their inquiries into the fatal stabbing in Piccadilly of a 26-year-old former guardsman, Graham Osborne.

But detectives are being hampered in their search by an underworld conspiracy of silence and fear.

They said today that although several people watched the slaying and later passed Osborne as he lay bleeding to death on the pavement, very little information had reached them.

The police believe, however, that the killer is being hidden by street-women.

These women may fear to give any information because of threats of violence and gangsters and "protectors."

The man who stabbed Osborne is thought to have been one of these "protectors" — men who keep watch on the girls to guard them against attack and to prevent any fights among them.

Key Witness

Meanwhile, a terrified young mother, key witness to the murder, was guarded by police in a secret riverside hideout here during last night.

The mother, whose name has been given as "Bobbie" was involved in an argument with Osborne minutes before the killing.

She told the detectives that Osborne attempted to bundle her into a taxi. She resisted, called for help and two men came out of the shadows to help her.

Minutes later Osborne slumped to the pavement with a deep stab-wound in his stomach. He lay there in a pool of blood for almost half an hour while people strolled by taking him for a drunk.

Eventually a taxi-driver called the police and an ambulance whisked Osborne away to hospital where he died later. — China Mail Special.



SINGER CHARGES ASSAULT

Hollywood, March 30.

Singer Guy Mitchell charged a lumber dealer with battery and disturbing the peace today shortly after he had been named in a similar complaint.

The complaints were filed in nearby Van Nuys.

Mitchell and Abraham Berman, 50, Chatsworth lumberyard owner, appear on April 10 for arraignment on the charges.

Each charged the other with the offences.

The dispute arose out of a tussle between the two men on March 18 over a lumber bill.

Berman accused the 35-year-old singer of knocking him down and then kicking him with riding boots. Mitchell denied the charges. — U.P.I.

Easter Order

Atlanta, Ga., March 30.

Easter Sunday worshippers at the Northwest Methodist Church were greeted by this sign when they drove their cars up to the curb in front of the church: "Thou shalt not park." — U.P.I.

Best Best Man

Worcester, Mass., March 30.

Walter Gant, 32, was best man at a wedding here Saturday for the 44th time. He is a bachelor. — U.P.I.

JUNE FOUGHT TO REACH TRAPPED MAN—IN VAIN

Tiny June Bailey washes in a stream after spending 6½ hours underground in a vain effort to rescue a friend trapped in a rock cleft 1,000 feet underground in England last week.

Her friend, Neil Moss, 20-year-old student, died after two days of desperate rescue attempts to extract him from the shaft.

Moss, one of a group called pot-holers who explore mountain caves, became trapped when he entered the cleft in Derbyshire, discovered only three weeks previously.

After spending 6½ hours underground June, 18, of Manchester, another pot-holer volunteered to be lowered head first into the 18 inch rock crack to reach the student.

However it was found to be impossible because of poisonous air.

When rescuers eventually reached Moss he was dead. — Central Press Photo.

US PILOT ARRESTED IN CUBA

Havana, March 30.

The U.S. Embassy reported today that Austin T. Young, a private pilot of Miami, Florida, has been arrested by Cuban revolutionary authorities.

Young was charged with tying followers of ousted dictator Fulgencio Batista out of Cuba for \$1,500 each.

He also was charged with possessing more than \$1,500 in "hot" Cuban currency.

Police said Young arranged out at least two of Batista's military aides wanted by revolutionary authorities, taking one of them to the Dominican Republic and the other to Florida. — U.P.I.

RULING SHOCKS JAPAN

Tokyo, March 31.

Shocks were swept through Japan today in the wake of a ruling by a Tokyo District Court judge yesterday that the presence of U.S. security troops in Japan violated the U.S. backed no war constitution.

Socialists and Communists were surprised and gleeful at the judgment handed down by Judge Akio Date freeing seven Leftwing demonstrators who were tried for breaking into the U.S. Tachikawa Air Force base in July 1957 during a violent protest against expansion of the base runway into Sunakawa village. — U.P.I.

STAY-HOME EASTER IN BRITAIN

London, March 30.

People throughout Britain today continued to make Easter a stay-at-home holiday.

Sunny periods, which replaced the earlier overcast skies and drizzling rains, were treated with suspicion and the usually congested routes to popular inland and coastal spots were almost deserted.

Motor associations forecast the quietest Easter on record for road traffic.

Railways, too, were slack. Trains were leaving Waterloo and Victoria—London's main departure points for the south coast—only half full.

In spite of bright sunshine at Torquay, one of Britain's biggest south west resorts, beaches were visited by only a few—and they carried their raincoats.

Near Tragedy

At Brighton—biggest of the south coast resorts—Easter visitors were half the usual number although a few took their first swim of the year.

Two boating companions, adrift in a motor launch without fuel in the Firth of Forth, Scotland, today narrowly escaped an Easter tragedy.

One of them, Robert Greig, was a diabetic who fell desperately ill when his insulin injection was overdue. Two miles of frantic rowing by his friend, John Hunter, saved his life. — Reuter.

"Rainbow Hair, No Baldness Soon"

Great Yarmouth, March 30.

Hairdressing is entering a "golden age", when no bald men will be seen and women have a different hair style each day in a colour to match their shoes, handbags or gloves.

Mr. J. McLaren Thomson, president of Britain's National Hairdressers' Federation, forecast this today.

"People at the end of this century will be hair-conscious as never before," he told the federation's annual conference.

"Hair colouring will increase in scope and application. The time will come—possibly by 1960—when every woman will be using some form of hair cosmetics and so will most men."

"There will be no bald men or women. Medical science will have provided a drug to stimulate hair growth."

"As far as styles are concerned, short hair will be universal for men and women because of the need to wear space helmets over the heads." Mr. Thomson concluded. — China Mail Special.

Letters Realise £140

London, March 30.

A total of £140 has been sent to Lawrence of Arabia by Sir S. Cockrell, between 1923 and 1929, was sold for £140 at Sothebys, London. — China Mail Special.

It's A Bore

Vienna, March 30.

A Russian cycling bear, weary of riding around the ring at a Vienna circus, threw down his cycle and jumped over the right barrier to meet his public.

After walking among the panic-stricken audience for a time, the bear surrendered to four attendants and was led peacefully back to its cage. — China Mail Special.

STATE

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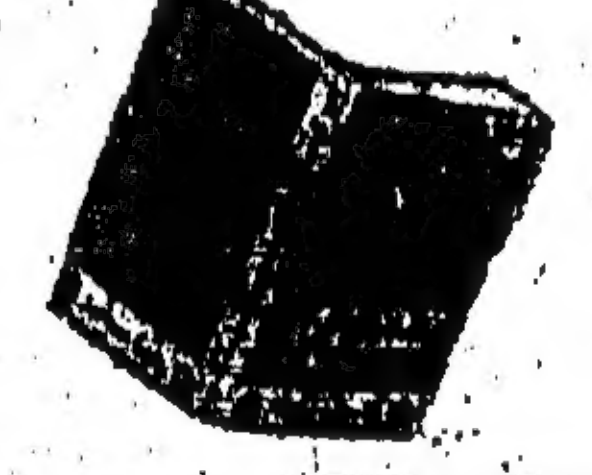
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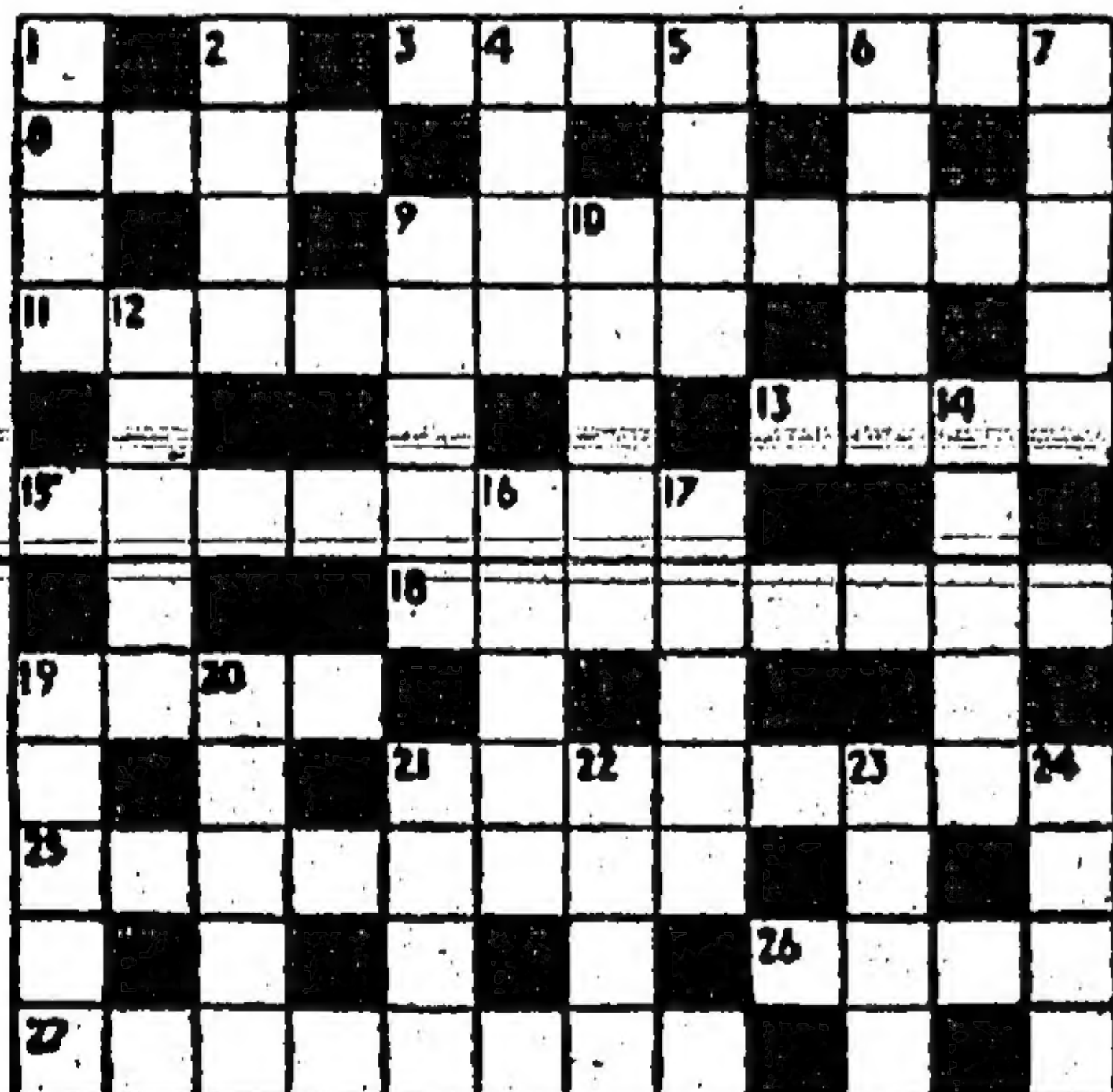
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MEL FERRER in "OH ROSALINDA"

Next Change —
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施西腐豆

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Harry Lime in the cricket field? (5, 3).
- 6 Present (4).
- 9 Might you see the feathers fly in this London walk? (8).
- 11 Likens (8).
- 13 Spot in the spy-glass (4).
- 15 Diversions (8).
- 18 A tailless lamb in the City would be a disaster? (8).
- 19 For practising catches? (4).
- 21 A party at court (8).
- 23 Member of a resistance movement, maybe (8).
- 26 Look both ways (4).
- 27 Antique, perhaps (8).

DOWN

- 1 Smart (4).
- 2 A queer plant (4).
- 4 One of many in a queue? (4).
- 5 Scarlet and crimson, for example (4).
- 6 Signifies pecuniary resources (8).
- 7 Short (5).
- 9 Fundamental (5).
- 10 One of revolting disposition (5).
- 12 Egg-shaped (6).
- 14 Stage (3, 2).
- 16 Bird or girl (5).
- 17 Chairs are very often this material? (6).
- 19 Nothing doing in Poona (5).
- 20 Tried to become weary (5).
- 21 Short floor covering (4).
- 22 Waggon (4).
- 23 It's the last word (4).
- 24 Work in an office (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Public, 4 Lairs, 7 Arabella, 8 Thor-N, 9 Decent, 11 Ireland, 13 Tea-rose, 15 Croated, 18 Red-a, 19 Neat-head, 20 The-mo, 21 Menace, 23 Member, 26 Libby, 3 Colitis, 4 Leathe, 5 Ignorant, 6 Stoned, 10 Clarence, 12 Atollaim, 13 Tuffet, 14 O-range, 16 Ashen, 17 Dodge (City).

Ava And Frank Will Meet: "Still Friends"



Ava

Melbourne, March 30. Film star Ava Gardner, here for the filming of English-born Nevil Shute's "On The Beach", will meet former husband, crooner Frank Sinatra, in Melbourne early this week.

Sinatra is scheduled to arrive by air in Sydney later today for a five-day concert tour which will bring him to this southern capital.

Questioned by reporters today, Miss Gardner's manager, Mr. David Hanna, said "Of course they will be seeing each other. They are very friendly."

Sinatra was the American screen star's third—and last—husband. — China Mail Special.



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THOSE BEARSKINS —I GET THE INSIDE STORY...

London. NOW about those "slightly tatty, almost mangy" bearskins. (The man who said it is still alive.) The Brigade of Guards cunningly defended themselves with the excuse that their post-war bearskins are of Russian fur, so how could they possibly have the sleekness of the pre-war Canadian fur. Which flattered the Canadians into a spontaneous and generous offer of free bearskins galore.

A wonderful example of how a Commonwealth should work, I thought, until I went along to Bethnal Green to see the man who makes bearskins.

For he, coincidentally enough, was stitching away at bearskins for the Canadian Guards. But are the 150 bearskins he is making for Canada of super-quality Canadian fur, as the bearskins of the future will be once the Mayor of Timmins, Ontario, and his merry men come through with their offer of free bearskins? They are not, alas. They are of Russian fur.

Always Russian

Perhaps the Canadians will take comfort from the knowledge that the original bearskins were always of Russian fur. Or so Mr Michael Silberston says. Mr Silberston belongs to one of those families that are so tied by tradition to their craft that you don't know

whether he is speaking for himself, his father or his grandfather. Anyway, one of those innumerable generations of stitching bearskins has handed it down that the first bearskins were of rugged Russian pelts.

He works in a room that is like the 'Trooping the Colour, in miniature. Bearskins in ranks stand stiffly to attention—and none at this stage have been known to faint.

His equipment is simple. Just a couple of old flat irons (for holding the bearskin down as he cuts it), a thick old silver thimble, a basket overflowing with shining black pelts, a huge old leather armchair he has been sitting on for the past 40 years (which manages to look like an enormous bald bear sitting up and begging) and about 100 years un-

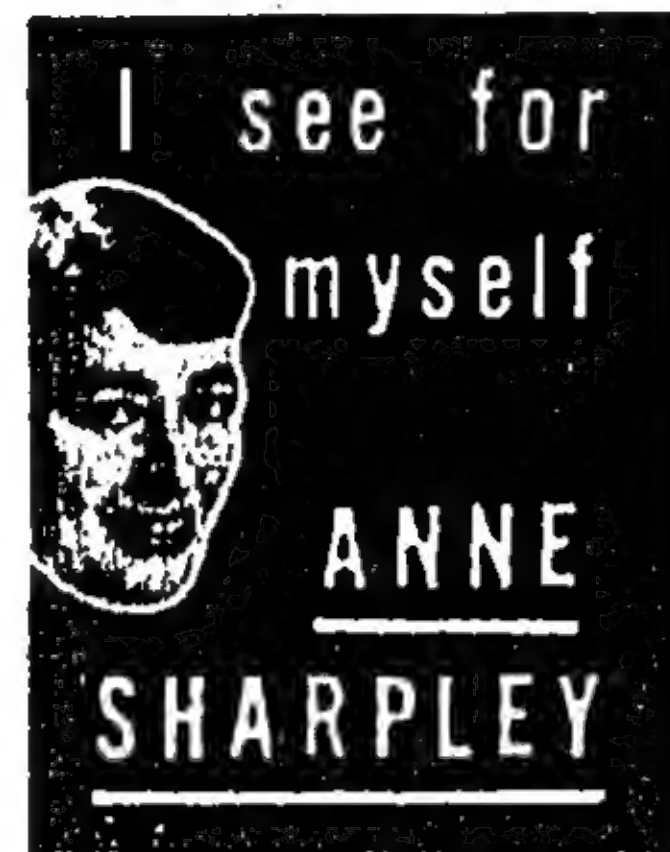
derestimated knowledge of bearskins.

"Try one on?" he suggested. So I sat wearing a bearskin, peering through a sparkling and correctly binding fringe at Mr Silberston while he sewed and chatted away.

He showed me how to judge a good bearskin. It should flow evenly, when pulled over the arm.

And I learnt a little about what the younger, more irreverent Guardsmen get up to, which may partly explain the "mangy" look.

"Wicked boys" "Bring those two mutilated caps in, Alf," said Mr Silberston sorrowfully, employing the modest trade term "cap" for those black towers of fur. "Just look what those wicked boys did." Inspired



either by a Tony Curtis haircut or unable to stand their cars being tickled by that long, glossy fringe a moment longer, those wicked boys had done a tidying-up job on their bearskins. With a pair of scissors.

"Wait till they see what I'm going to charge 'em. I'll be tetching out of their pay. I'll teach them not to muck about with the bearskins in future," said Mr Silberston in a voice so fierce that all the bearskins in his workshop bristled.

What about this suggestion that nylon fur be used, I asked, rather heroically.

And he makes the wisest comment anyone has made yet about the whole far-fetched, furry issue.

"The day they have to have nylon bearskins they won't want bearskins any more."

And the rows and rows of bearskins nodded agreement, including mine.

(London Express Service.)

QUOTE

—by Miss E. G. Hoffman, head mistress of Hallcroft Girls' School, Ilkerton, Dorsetshire, in her annual report:—

EVEN when teenagers know they are speaking badly they lack the courage to correct even the simplest common errors, because they fear the ridicule of their friends—and in some cases their families.

—by the Rev. W. Russell Shearer, newly elected Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, speaking of teenagers at the council's annual congress at Southend-on-Sea, Essex:—

WIDE-EYED, cherishing neither ideal nor illusion, materialist and fatalist, this mass of young people seems to inhabit a world to which the Christian faith does not penetrate. They make no secret of their scepticism concerning all that we stand for and we seem unable to make real contact with them.

Exit a wife, and then life seemed much easier

JOHN BYRNE turned round to the coffee-pot on the stove, because he knew that the swift flood of jubilation that pounded inside must show on his face.

Sweet, sweet, sweet relief was lightening his heart. Alice had gone. The nervous, intense presence, the lined, tight face had gone.

"What can I say?" said Mary.

God, he thought, why is she playing this scene like a film?

"You might tell me where she has gone and why."

"I don't know."

But I know why she has gone, he thought savagely. I'm no use any more. Not even to Alice.

He smiled at Mary, deliberately making the smile both pathetic and brave. Poor Mary, poor pretty Mary, her eyes were glistening.

"This is a shock, Mary," he said solemnly.

"Oh, Johnnie," she said, and moved away from the door. Her dressing-gown slipped open at the knee, and he seized and treasured a sudden glimpse of silk stocking. Monday night strip-tease in Doncaster. Tuesday morning strip-tease in Swiss Cottage. Life gets giddy.

"I'm so sorry, Johnnie." She took his hand between her hands and the pressure of her fingers was soft and gentle upon his cheeks. Then she kissed him tenderly and sympathetically and her lips, too were soft and pliant.

Freedom

He responded with a restrained and chaste embrace, suppressing a violent urge to pull her close to him. Vividly he recollected the body of the strip-tease girl pallid in the Theatre limelight.

Mary sedately disengaged herself, looked at him sadly, then turned and ran upstairs. When the door slammed behind her he laughed out loud and poured the dregs of coffee down the sink.

For a moment he savoured his freedom. "Farewell darkness, welcome dawn," he declared to the sink. Then he reflected that he would have to go down to the House of Commons to look failure in the face, and the jubilation ebbed away.

The policeman, on duty at the side gate saluted him. He cut through Star Chamber Court and up a back staircase.

In his ostentatious use of back passages and hidden doorways he was asserting not his familiarity with the building, but his seniority as a Member. To have a private hideaway in which to hang your coat, for example, was not just a convenience, but a demonstration that you belonged.

He walked into the Members' Post Office and waited for his bundle of letters to slide down the chute.

He took them into the tea-room, ordered a coffee from the counter and, breaking the habit of years, carried the coffee to the far end of the inner tea-room, behind the screens to the corner where smoking was forbidden.

His normal habit was to sit in one of the armchairs near the tea-room door—but he realised suddenly that he needed time in order to school his deportment.

For everything had changed since he had not wanted into

the tea-room a few days before the old Parliament had dissolved.

He had then been a potential Minister: "Byrne'll get a job," people said. He had been confident, at ease, and here he was, still on the back benches.

His fingers were trembling as he tore open the envelopes, forlornly hoping to find a genuine letter from a friend; for example, among the routine batch of member's mail.

But who were the friends who would write to him? He had none. The periphery of his life was peopled by political acquaintances, but he had no friends.

What would it feel like, he thought, to find a love-letter lying innocently among the others, a letter starting: My darling

The letter

Quickly he scanned the letters, automatically deciding the action to be taken upon them. A housing case—send to town clerk. A pension case—write to the Minister. An invitation to nurses' prize giving; a housing case; another housing case.

He opened the last letter, noticing the red House of

members, to hurry us, pursue us and ensure that we in turn keep faith . . .

He could only guess that a local reporter had sent it to the

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He shrugged and walked the length of the tea-room towards the staircase leading to the Committee Corridor, where the first meeting of the new Labour Members was to take place.



He had watched her for a few moments, then, when she spoke, he ignored her and walked past.

Commons seal on the envelope. "Dear Johnnie," he read, crowded. Byrne shouldered his way to the back of the room instead of jockeying for a place as close to the chairman's eye as possible.

"Several of us are worried about trends in the Party, so we have called a meeting for three o'clock tomorrow in one of the small interview rooms downstairs. We would be very pleased if you would join us. Yours, Timothy Maxwell."

Earnley speech; what Earnley speech? he wondered. There had been only rain and soggy buns at Earnley. Then he remembered his moment of passionate intensity in the marriage when the words had taken command and spoken for themselves.

"A victory gained is only the beginning. It is now your task to maintain it."

Overcome

Reginald Stevens walked through the door on the low platform at the end of the room.

"Hear, hear, hear, hear."

"A victory gained is only the beginning. It is now your task to maintain it."

NO LOVE FOR JOHNNIE by WILFRED FIENBURGH

across New Palace Yard, across Whitehall into the sunshine.

At first he walked aimlessly, seeing nothing. The afternoon was wearing on. Pretty women tripped along on their high heels, bodies prominent in summer dresses.

How does one find someone with whom to fall in love?

London was a lonely, lonely place for a man who wanted to love, who searched for a woman who wanted to be loved.

"Hello, dear," a girl said as he passed. He had watched her for a few moments as his long, slow stride brought him closer to her, noting her vivid lipstick, figure-hugging dress and widely-spaced eyes behind exaggerated winged sun-glasses.

"Coming with me, dear?" she smiled.

Escape

He ignored her and walked past. Then a convulsion of desire seized him and he turned, nodded and found himself following her.

He was trembling at his knees, cold muscles and fingers. Her perfume was pungent and waited down to him as he followed her through the hall and up the stairs of a house.

She opened the door.

"Home, sweet home, eh?" Then she turned, thrust herself towards him. He saw a wide bed and a mirror over her shoulder.

He stopped back sharply, groped in his back pocket, pulled out a couple of notes, dropped them on the carpet and stumbled downstairs, down the street, dizzily blinking at the bright reflection of the sun in a taxi window. He climbed into the back of the taxi.

"Swiss Cottage," he said and sank back, eyes closed, wanting to get out of his body and leave it there for ever in the back seat of the taxi.

That is how you can find love. It is easy. You buy it like a parcel of groceries.

TOMORROW:

The rebels meet

JUST FANCY THAT

BUTTERFLY collectors might have understood. But not the villagers at Bloxwich, near Walsall, Staffs, who objected to a public house on a new estate being called The Painted Lady. They told the vicar so.

Said the Rev Wilfrid Walton: "We are trying to build up an old-fashioned village life."

"The name of the public house, although obviously referring to a species of butterfly, was open to another interpretation."

The public house will open next month. Renamed The Leathern Bottle.

A GIRL receptionist at Guy's Hospital took a second look at a man who asked to make a dental appointment recently and then went away and phoned the police. That started a fresh hunt for gambler-extraordinary Alfred Hinds. A check showed that it wasn't Hinds just a man who wanted to make a dental appointment. —London Express Service.

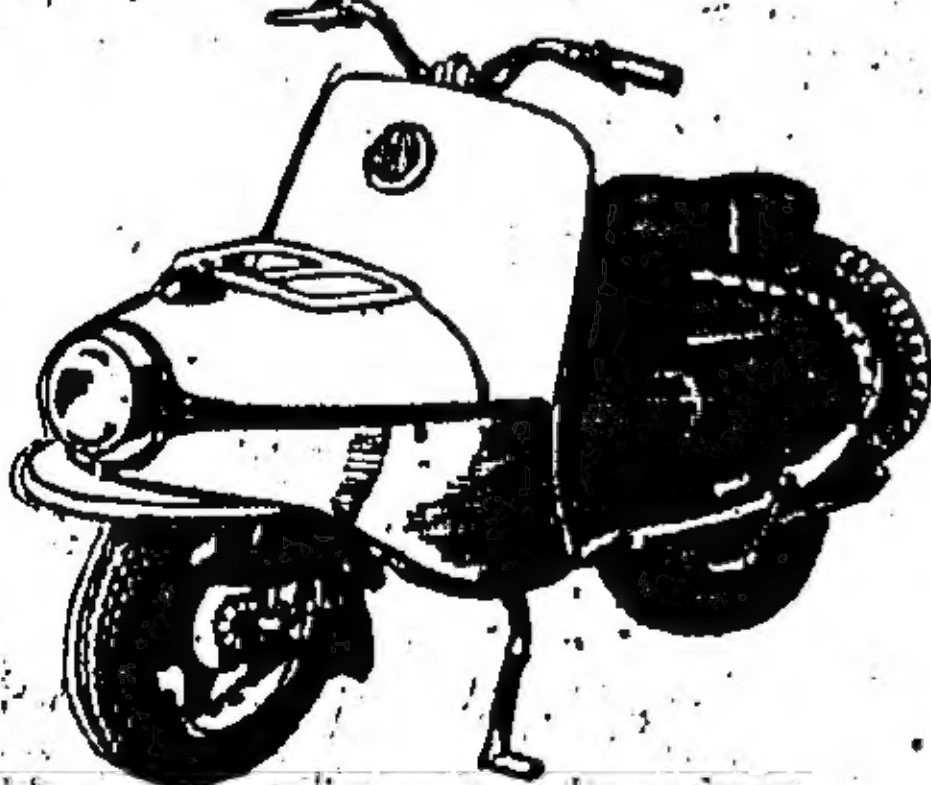


"What on earth makes Krushchov think Russia can outstrip the capitalist countries?"

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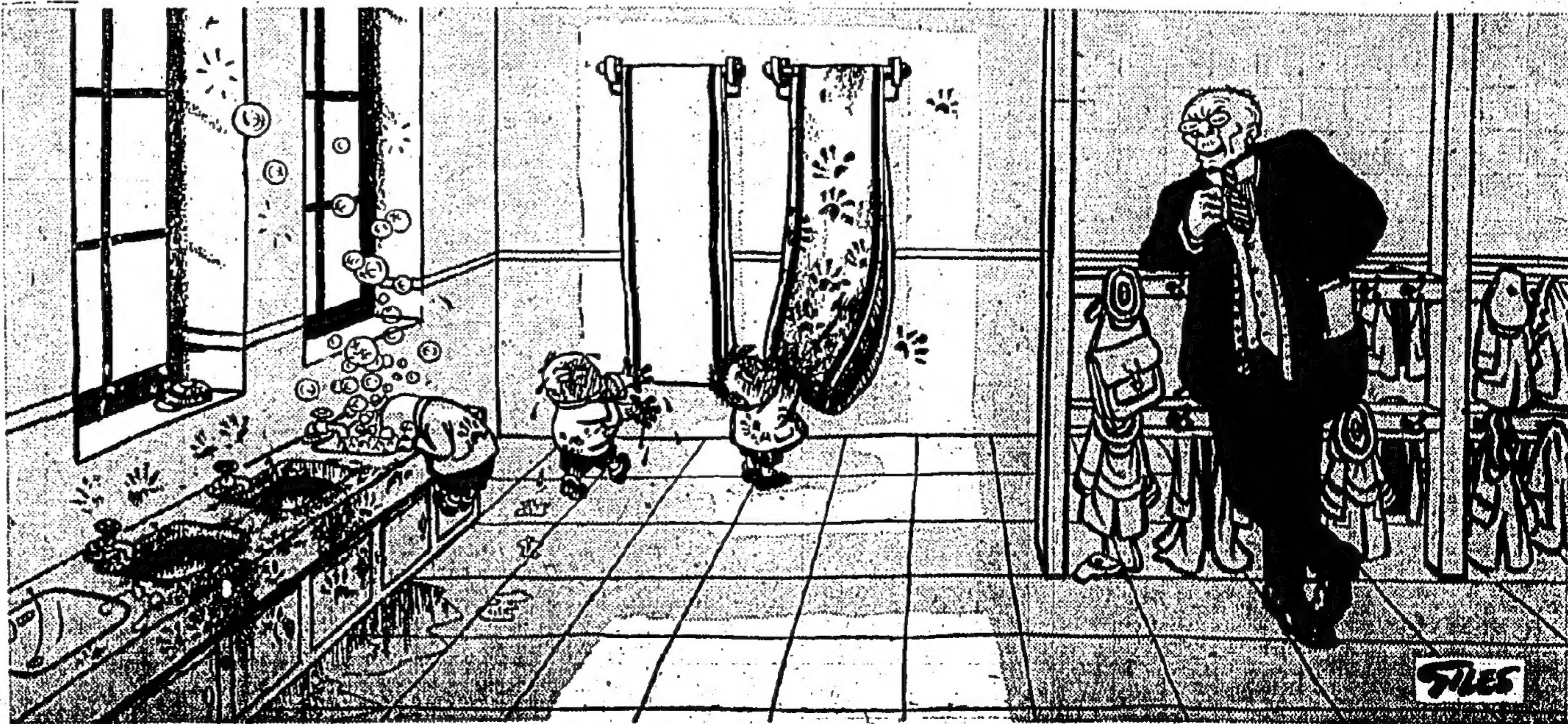
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"Good afternoon, gentlemen—I believe we are of those who protest at having our fingerprints taken at school."

WORLD TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Japan, China Qualify For Semi-Finals In Both Men's And Women's Team Events

Dortmund, March 30.

Japan, holders of both the men's Swaythling and women's Corbillion Cups, and China qualified for the semi-finals of the teams events in the world table tennis championships here today.

The Japanese teams, unbeaten so far, beat East Germany 5-0 in the men's section and 3-0 in the women's in their last Group games tonight.

The men's team earlier in the afternoon disposed of their nearest rivals Yugoslavia 5-0 to register their eighth successive win.

The women's team surmounted their toughest obstacle in Group C of the Corbillion Cup when they beat Hungary 3-2 in the afternoon. This match gave Japan their seventh win and Hungary their first defeat.

Hungary Through

Another team which gained a semi-final place in the Swaythling Cup were Hungary. They won group A by beating Romania 5-3 in their last match.

In doing so, Hungary's stars, Zoltan Horvath, top seeded player in the individuals, and Ferenc Sido, who is eighth

seeded, were both beaten by Rado Neagulescu, who won all his three matches.

Horvath, the European champion, was the second seeded player to be defeated in the team events.

Yesterday, Seijo Narita, Japan's third seeded player, was beaten by Gantim Dvian, of India.

Shocks were not wholly confined to the men's event.

The Japanese women had a hard time to beat Hungary. Japan brought back Kimiko Matsuzaki, who had missed the earlier matches because of influenza.

Fourth seeded Miss Matsuzaki played two singles but lost one of them—in three games—to third seeded Eva Koczian.

Hard Struggle

The Japanese men's team had a harder struggle against Yugoslavia than the score suggests. The Cup holders, who dropped Narita after his defeat yesterday, had to fight for every point.

Ichiro Ogihara, world champion in 1954 and 1956, dropped a game against Josip Vojvodic, and Tezuo Murakami had two tough three-game matches against Vladimir Markovic and Vilim Hranogozo.

England's men's team beat Iran 5-2 but have no chance of qualifying for the semi-finals.

They have two defeats while Czechoslovakia and Vietnam, who meet tonight, are both unbeaten.

England's bid in the Corbillion Cup ended with their 3-2 defeat by China, who finished with an unbeaten record to qualify for the semi-finals tomorrow.

It was England's only defeat in eight matches.

Ann Haydon, England's leading player who is seeded number two for the singles title, dropped a game to both Chui Ching-hui and Sun Mei-yin, who are seeded fifth and eighth respectively, but the Chinese lost the edge over Diane Rowe who lost both her singles.

Missed Great Chance

Ann Haydon alone saved England from a heavier defeat. Apart from her two singles victories, she was the dominating partner in the doubles.

Diane Rowe was prone to errors in all of her matches. After Ann Haydon had beaten Sun Mei-yin in the fourth

match to make it two-all Diane Rowe missed a great chance to clinch it for England.

In the first game against Chui Ching-hui she ran into a 7-0 lead, but with four errors from Rowe as a contribution, the Chinese girl won eight points in a row.

There was barely a point between the two right up to 19-all. Rowe then led 20-19 and 21-20, but she hit out on the next point and then cracked in a long rally to lose the game.

The English left-hander was never in the hunt in the second game.

In the doubles, the English girls led 15-12 in the second game, but lost five points in a row. They drew up to 20-all and 21-all before going down.

Japan and Korea qualified for the semi-finals of the Corbillion Cup. Korea beat Romania, who had been seeded, 3-2 in Group B and Japan defeated Germany 3-0 in Group C.

The draw for the Corbillion Cup brought Japan and China together in the final match of the three-way final group.

They meet at 0600 tomorrow. At 1230 GMT Korea play the loser and then meets the winner in the evening session which starts at 1800 GMT.

The three women teams all play each other.

Hungary and China will meet in the one of the men's semi-finals.

China tonight beat Sweden 5-1 to finish with eight victories for the loss of only three games in Group B.

Final Placings

Final placings in the groups of the Swaythling and Corbillion Cups, and the team events of the world table tennis championships here, were as follows:

CORBILION CUP

Group A	W	L	FA	PF
China	8	0	24-2	0
England	7	1	23-4	0
Sweden	6	2	19-14	0
East Germany	4	4	12-15	4
Holland	4	4	14-15	4
Denmark	3	5	12-15	3
Spain	2	6	10-23	2
Switzerland	0	8	10-20	2
Yugoslavia	0	8	8-24	0

Group B

South Korea	7	0	21-4	7
Czechoslovakia	6	1	20-14	6
Romania	5	2	19-6	5
Poland	4	3	14-9	4
Ireland	3	4	12-15	3
Wales	2	6	10-15	2
Greece	1	7	10-19	1
Norway	0	8	6-23	1

Group C

Japan	8	0	24-2	0
Hungary	7	1	23-4	0
France	6	2	19-14	6
West Germany	4	4	12-15	4
Belgium	3	5	12-15	3
New Zealand	2	6	10-23	2
Austria	1	7	10-19	1
Italy	0	8	6-23	1
Canada	0	8	1-21	0

SWAYTHLING CUP

Group A	W	L	FA	PF
Hungary	7	0	35-0	7
Japan	6	1	30-14	6
Yugoslavia	5	2	25-14	5
Poland	4	3	20-19	4
USA	3	4	23-20	3
Switzerland	2	5	12-20	2
Norway	1	6	10-13	1
Venezuela	0	7	0-25	0

Group B

China	8	0	40-3	8
Sweden	7	1	36-6	7
West Germany	6	2	30-14	6
Egypt	5	3	20-20	5
Belgium	4	4	22-22	4
Portugal	3	5	22-28	3
Australia	2	6	16-35	2
India	1	7	11-39	1
Japan	0	8	7-43	1

Group C

Japan	8	0	45-1	0
Yugoslavia	7	1	36-6	7
India	6	2	30-14	6
Australia	5	3	23-20	5
Poland	4	4	20-20	4
East Germany	3	5	31-30	3
Denmark	2	6	24-34	2
Spain	1	7	16-35	1
Luxembourg	0	8	11-43	1
Canada	0	8	7-43	1

Group D

Vietnam	8	0	45-4	0
Czechoslovakia	7	1	41-10	0
England	6	2	40-16	6
France	5	3	33-20	5
Peru	4	4	33-21	4
Portugal	3	5	24-27	3
Lebanon	2	6	17-37	2
Wales	1	7	18-35	1
Greece	0	8	8-43	0
Malta	0	8	0-43	0

—Reuter.

JUNIOR BOYS' BOXING COMPETITION AND PHYSICAL DISPLAY AT H.K.C.C. TOMORROW AFTERNOON

A junior boys' boxing competition and physical display, will be held at the Hongkong Cricket Club tomorrow, at 5 p.m.

Mr Billy Tingle, who is staging the competition said this was the first time in Hongkong, that boys between the ages of five and 11 will box in competition.

Previously, boys in a similar age group had taken part in boxing drills, but never in competition he added.

Forty-five boys from four schools will take part in the contest. They are from the Peak, Glenelg, Quarry Bay and Kowloon Junior Schools.

In addition to the contest, there will be a physical display by the St James' Settlement and the Boys and Girls Club Association will stage the "Spring Dance," which they put on for the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit here.

Prizes will be presented to the winning school and competitors by Mrs J. C. McDouall, wife of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Admission will be free, but a collection will be made and the proceeds will go to the St James' Settlement and the Boys and Girls Club Association.

On Thursday, the Tingle Athletic Association will hold its annual sports day, also at the HKCC, commencing at 3 p.m. Colonel Harry Owen-Hughes will present the prizes.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Colony Open Tennis Doubles Semi-final: E. Tai and D. S. Lee v F. Ma and Lu Po-hai, HKCC, 4.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Army "A" Hockey New Bharat (Sankunod): Army "D" v I.R.C. (Sankunod), 5.30 p.m.

Meeting

Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association Council, Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, 5.30 p.m.

Zonda Wins Irish Grand National

Dublin, March 30.

Mrs C. St. John Nolan's eight-year-old Zonda, ridden by Pat Taffee, won the Irish Grand National run over three and a quarter miles at Fairyhouse, County Kildare, today.

Starting at 5 to 1, he won from Knightbrook, a 22 to 1 chance ridden by Pat Taffee's brother "Toss" with Mezzell (100 to 1) third.

Lord Fingall's Roddy Owen, winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, was out of the fighting line a long way from home.

This victory was Pat Taffee's third in this race—he won it previously on Umm and Royal Approach.—Reuter.

London To Fight Patterson On May 1

Las Vegas, March 30.

The world heavyweight title fight between Floyd Patterson, light champion, and British Brinn London will certainly take place here on May 1, promoter Cecil Rhodes said today.

The bout had originally been tentatively set for April 21, but last week there were reports that this date had been abandoned.

Today Mr Rhodes said that the bout would be on May 1, in the 7,200-seat convention hall here.

He said he had guaranteed 250,000 dollars (£89,300) to cover the purses and expenses of both fighters, adding that his lawyer was making arrangements for London's entry into the United States and that the Nevada State Athletic Commission had given conditional approval for the fight, despite the British Boxing Board of Control's refusal to give London permission to go through with it.—Reuter.

Yesterday's Softball PORTUGAL WIN INTERNATIONAL FINAL; TAIWAN PANDAS SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT

By OLLY VAS

What an Easter Monday it turned out to be for softball fans! They had a more than generous ration of everything, thrills, superb fielding and very low on the list some base umpiring in the Men's International Final between Portugal and Pakistan that bordered on the ridiculous.

In this thrilling game which the Lusitanians won by six runs to five we were treated to some appalling decisions by the first base umpire and the capacity crowd were not slow in registering their disapproval. Aside from this I don't think anyone could complain except perhaps the Portuguese ladies who bowed to China 10-1 in a five-inning Ladies Final.

The Taiwan Pandas rolled in the dying stages of the game to lead the HK Combined Chinese 8-7 but the local side's hero, "Goose" Wong, drove in two runs in the last inning with a hot grounder past third to inflict on the visitors their first defeat in two starts.

Clean Home-Run

Before a very large crowd of fans the Pakistan team jumped to an early two runs lead when "Tiger" Hussain parked one of Vice Pedruco's blazing risers way over left-fielder Dick Chaves' head for a clean home-run.

The cheers had hardly died down when A. G. Ismail scored run number two. A fumble by short-stop Junior Remedios had the speedy Ismail scoring all the way from second base.

The Portugal side in their turn at bat failed to score. Dick Chaves bunted beautifully along the first-base line and was already well past the sack when to his surprise umpire Basil Xavier called "foul" on the play. This was the forerunner of many more surprising decisions.

Malcolm Xavier and Junior Remedios were retired to close the inning. Pakistan increased their lead to 4-0 when in the top of the second inning A. K. Ismail hit safely to get on base, quietly stole second and cleared the home plate on Dick's over-the-fence double. Ditta himself scored on the subsequent infield outs.

Stranded

In the Portugal half of the same inning, with one down, Danny Gosano and Vice Pedruco were left stranded on base as both Robert Remedios and Antonio Ribeiro failed to come through with the necessary hits. There was no scoring in the third but it became 4-1 in the bottom of the fourth when Danny Gosano's hit past third

base saw Junior Remedios scoring to register the Portuguese team's opening run of the game. A fumble by Vice Pedruco in the top of the fifth let in Pakistan's final run when A. G. Ismail crossed the plate after Pedruco had failed to hold on to a tricky bouncer off the bat of Farid Khan. By this time it was noticed that Pedruco's deliveries had lost some of its sting. It was learned that he had pulled a muscle and the Pakistan supporters must have had visions of their second International Final victory since 1950 but it was not to be.

Set Ball Rolling

After two outs, Tony Gutierrez started the ball rolling. A single off his bat had him waiting for the next man up.

Gosano obliged with a hard-hit grounder which Pakistan shortstop A. K. Ismail picked up but the throw to first was bad. Gutierrez stole third in the confusion. Gosano went down to second on the next pitch. Then with two runners on base Vice Pedruco gave the Portugal supporters a fright by knocking off four foul balls in a row but made up for this by subsequently blasting the ball into the outfield for two runs to be tallied.

Robert Remedios got a thunderous ovation from the stands when he lined a drive to right for Pedruco to come bulldozing all the way home, after unceremoniously showing aside Pakistan catcher Buck, who was blocking the path, to chuck up Portugal's fourth run.

A sparkling catch just a foot off the ground by centre-fielder Tony Gutierrez highlighted the top of the seventh in which Pakistan were held scoreless by the board reading 5-4 in Pakistan's favour.

Peter Almeida fled out to right to open Portugal's half of this frame and Dick Chaves fouled up. Then when everything seemed lost Manuel Xavier worked pitcher Saleh for a base on balls and stole second safely. Junior Remedios then

GONZALES, HOAD PREDICT ANOTHER DAVIS CUP BEATING FOR AUSTRALIA

Atlanta, Georgia, March 30.

Two of the world's greatest professional tennis players have predicted that Australia is due for another beating in the next Davis Cup competition.

Belgian Cyclist Wins Tour Of Flanders

Wetteren, March 30.

The Belgian cyclist, Rik Van Looy won the 151 miles Tour of Flanders cycling road race today in 6 hours, 14 minutes.

In the final sprint, he beat his fellow countryman Frans Schoubert by two lengths with another Belgian, Gilbert Desmet third. Irish star, Seamus Elliott was ninth in a race dominated by Belgian cyclists.—France-Press.

Pancho Gonzales and Lew Hoad, who are in Atlanta for their cross-country championship tour, both agreed that Alex Olinich is better than any of the Australian players.

"I don't see anyone from Australia coming close to him," said Gonzales.

As Good As A Pro

"Alex already is as good, if not better, than a lot of players in the pro ranks," he added. "I have talked with him about it at length, and he wants to turn pro. But he has wisely chosen to play another year or six months of amateur tennis. This will give him more time to develop."

Hoad also believes his countrymen are headed for defeat next year.

"I don't think Australia can win," he said. "Neville Fraser is our only reputable player, and he has never won a big meet." Gonzales and Hoad clash here Wednesday night. Hoad lost to Gonzales yesterday but still leads in the series, 7-4.—U.P.I.

UK Rugby Results

London, March 30.

Results of today's Rugby League and Rugby Union matches were:

Rugby League

Bradford 10, Huddersfield 18.
Cardiff 10, Hull 23.
Doncaster 0, Barrow 23.
Hull 4, Wakefield 23.
Leeds 17, Workington 10.
Leigh 4, Warrington 22.
Oldham v Hull (late kick-off).
Rochdale Hornets 2, Swinton 5.
St. Helens 46, Blackpool Borough 11.
Salford 15, Wigan 35.
Widened 12, Trinity 18, Featherstone 14.
Whitehaven 25, Barrow 0.
Widnes 37, Liverpool City 10.
York 20, Hull Kingston 10.
Oldham 5, Hull 0.

Rugby Union

Romany Park 10, Rotts 12.
Aberfeldy 10, Rennie 8.
Bath 0, Old Merchant Taylors 6.
Exeter 10, North of Devon 12.
Land Rover and Albion 19, Old Millhill 10.
Bristol 10, Northampton 21.
Cardiff 8, Harlequin 2.
Clontarf 10, Dublin 10.
Liverpool 0, Saracens 0.
Llanelli 20, Devonport Services 10.
Bedford 0, Bedford 0.
Neath 3, Abercromby 0.
Newcastle 20, Cross Keys 3.
Newport 12, London Welsh 0.
Northampton 14, Coventry 14.
Plymouth 20, Cross Keys 11.
Pontypool 3, London Irish 5.
Rushall 3, Wexham 0.
Sunderland 11, Barbican 10.
Torquay Athletic 3, Old Cranleighans 3.—Reuter.

Carpenter Wins Richest Foot Running Race

Melbourne, March 30.

Twenty-one-year-old Melbourne carpenter, George Treacey, with a handicap of 11 and half yards, today won the final of the world's richest foot-running race—the A-2-2-20 (£2,200 sterling) Stawell Gift over 130 yards.

Treacey shot to the lead from his front mark at the gun and was never headed to clock 11.8 seconds.

Half a yard away in second place was Melbourne policeman-footballer Ian Yeoman (eight and half yards) with Tasmanian Barry Medcalf (six and three-quarter yards) third.

Treacey was backed to start favourite at two to one and won a fortune for supporters.—China Mail Special.

Empire Discus Record Bettered

Durban, March 30.

S. "Fanie" Du Plessis of South Africa, improved his British Empire record for the discus here today with a throw of 184 feet 10 inches.

His previous record of 183 feet 0 1/2 inches won him a gold medal at the British Empire Games in Cardiff in 1958.—Reuter.

Peter Major Better

Liverpool, March 30.

Peter Major, 28-year-old jockey who has a head injury when his horse, Emerald, fell in the Grand National last week, was today reported to be much better.—China Mail Special.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

11TH RACE MEETING

First Day—11th April, 1959

The following conditions for 1959 Ponies for the above race meeting, entries for which close at NOON on Wednesday, 1st April, 1959, are announced:—

1959 PONIES (1st Day) —

(RACE A1)—WARWICK STAKES.—Winner \$4,000. Second \$2,250. Third \$1,750. Winners of more than \$1,750 in stakes barred. Weight 147 lbs. Winner of \$1,750 in stakes, 3 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.

(1st Day) — (RACE B1) —

WILTS STAKES.—Winner \$4,000. Second \$2,250. Third \$1,750. Winners of more than \$1,750 in stakes barred. Weight 147 lbs. Winner of \$1,750 in stakes, 3 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$5. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND & IN (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

(1st Day) — (RACE A2) —

SHROPSHIRE STAKES.—Winner \$4,000. Second \$2,250. Third \$1,750. For ponies that have won more than \$1,750 in stakes. Weight 139 lbs. Ponies that have won \$4,000 or more but less than \$5,000 in stakes, 144 lbs.; ponies that have won \$5,000 or more in stakes, 147 lbs.; winners of a distance of more than One Mile, 7 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.

(1st Day) — (RACE B2) —

STAFFORD STAKES.—Winner \$4,000. Second \$2,250. Third \$1,750. For ponies that have won more than \$1,750 in stakes. Weight 139 lbs. Ponies that have won \$4,000 or more but less than \$5,000 in stakes, 144 lbs.; ponies that have won \$5,000 or more in stakes, 147 lbs.; winners of a distance of more than One Mile, 7 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$5. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND & IN (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

Owners entering their ponies in the WARWICK STAKES and SHROPSHIRE STAKES should include their entries under 1959 Ponies, Race A.

Owners entering their ponies in the WILTS STAKES and STAFFORD STAKES should include their entries under 1959 Ponies, Race B.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March,

Will Me Wilt Under His Price-Tag?

The Answer Rests With British Soccer Fans

By TO FINNEY

(Of Preston North End and England)

Rugged Dave McKay makes debut for Spurs, acclaimed as the top-priced Scot all time. And 200 miles away in Swansea, Mel Charles has now become the most expensive player in British football.

Neither will ever feel quite the same about playing soccer again. For through no wish of their own, they have been singled out as wizards in the eyes of the crowd.

Dazzled by their price-tags, the average fan will expect wonders of them, and if these wonders don't materialise, he'll begin to get that cheated feeling.

In the past, this self-same tag of "most expensive" player has proved a golden curse to many men. Few have learned to live with it.

Ever since the day, in 1905 when Alf Common started the footballing world by being transferred from Sunderland to Middlesbrough for the then all-time record fee of £1,000, star players have disliked becoming the central figure in his transfer deals.

Shrewd Move

That was the reason, of course, why Manchester United's shrewd manager, Matt Busby, signed Tommy Taylor from Barnsley for £20,000, thus avoiding any talk of records.

After Alf Common, Jesus moved up steadily until 1920 when Arsenal paid Bolton £10,880 for David Jack.

Then 10 years later, Arsenal hit the transfer headlines again by signing Welsh inside-forward Bryn Jones from Wolves for a new record fee—£14,000.

At Molineux, this little Welshman had been an inspired player. But amidst the glories of Highbury the inspiration faded fast.

I got to know Bryn very well during the war in Italy and came to understand the reasons for the change in his career.

This shy, retiring Welshman was not built for fame. At Molineux, he had been a talented member of a talented side. He was able to play his football unimpeded by the glare of publicity.

Too Much Fame

Then came that transfer to Arsenal, the world's most famous club. To join the Gunners is a highlight in any player's life. But to join them as Britain's most expensive footballer brought too much fame to Bryn Jones.

Bryn's private life disappeared overnight. Every move he made was reported in the newspapers and the Arsenal followers began to expect far too much from the unfortunate Welshman.

Was it surprising that he wilted under the strain and changed from a potentially brilliant player into a merely average performer?

In Italy, away from the headlines and the demanding crowds, I watched Bryn play some of the football which should by rights have placed him on the list of the game's really great players.

A new transfer record was set up in 1947 when Derby County signed Billy Steel from Morton for £15,500. Billy played some fine games for his new club, but he could never quite shoulder the burden of being soccer's costliest performer. Eventually he drifted back first to Scotland and then to the United States.

Exception

The following year, Len Shackleton moved from Newcastle to Sunderland and £20,050 changed hands. Here was one player at least who found his high price no problem. I don't think anyone who really knows Shackleton ever imagined he would let it worry him.

In 1949, Derby again plunged deeply, paying Manchester



MEL CHARLES

United £20 for Johnny Morris. The year Preston paid out £500 to Sheffield Wednesday for Eddie Quigley. I have good reason to remember Ed. I was playing on the right at the time and he had been bought to partner me. A partnership for which there was at Deepdale had high hopes.

Eddie certainly tried as hard as a man can try—maybe he had too late but he never did produce a bit for Preston, and with a year he had moved on to Blackburn.

In 1951, John Sewell was sold to Sheffield Wednesday by

Notts County for £34,000; a transfer record which stood until February, 1955, when Cliff Jones switched from Swansea to Spurs for £35,000.

Like his Uncle Bryn before him, Cliff found the publicity hard to take. Wherever he went, he was recognised. Complete strangers called to see him and the phone became such a nuisance that he had it removed.

It was only after Spurs' followers decided the club had made a bad buy that Cliff—with nothing to live up to—hit his true form.

Records

But, early this season, Manchester United proved that records are only made to be broken by signing Sheffield Wednesday's Albert Quigley for £45,000.

This week Mel Charles was transferred to Arsenal for £40,000, and two players each worth £50,000.

Will the big Welshman and the unwanted title of "British soccer's costliest player" be tough to carry?

The answer to that, I think, rests very largely with the fans. So long as they remember that transfer fees, however big, cannot transform good players into super men overnight, Mel will be all right.

And the sad story of Bryn Jones need never be repeated again.

Grand Easter Double Puts Manchester United Back Into First Division Lead

London, March 30.

Two fine goals by England international Bobby Charlton helped Manchester United to complete an Easter double over Portsmouth today, which put them back on top of the English first division football league.

On Friday, luckless Portsmouth were routed 6-1 at Manchester, and at Portsmouth today United again won confidently by 3-1. Charlton opened the scoring early in the first half with a tremendous drive from 25 yards.

See-Sawing

Manchester United, who have been see-sawing with Wolverhampton Wanderers at the head of the table during the Easter programme, now have 50 points, with four more games to go to complete their programme.

They are one point ahead of Wolves, reigning champions, who have seven more games to play. But if the Wanderers can win at Leeds tomorrow they will regain the leadership. They were without a match today.

United's win virtually killed any hope bottom-of-the-table Portsmouth had of avoiding relegation to the second division after a 32 years' unbroken stay in the premier sphere.

Aston Villa and Leicester City, who are engaged in a cut-and-thrust battle to avoid going down with Portsmouth, both gained creditable home draws.

Promotion Duel

Villa held Tottenham Hotspur to 1-1, and Leicester fought out a goalless draw with Bolton to finish with four valuable points from their three Easter games.

Luton Town, holding only six of their Cup team, went down 3-1 at Everton.

The big second division promotion duel between Sheffield

Wednesday and Fulham ended in a 2-2 draw, which left Fulham still one point ahead of Wednesday at the head of the table.

It was a fluctuating game. Maurice Cook gave Fulham an early lead but Roy Shiner and John Farnham rallied the Yorkshire club only for Cook to find the net again to earn Fulham a point.

In the third division, Hull City, narrow 1-0 home winners over Tranmere, crept to within a point of the leaders, Plymouth, who dropped a home point in a 1-1 draw with third-placed Brentford.

Port Vale, pace-setters in division four, also surrendered a point at home, drawing 1-1 with Crewe, but actually improved their lead to five points as rivals Coventry crashed 3-0 at Walsall.

Results

Following were the full results of football games played today:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

Arsenal	v	Birmingham	1	0
Aston Villa	1	Tottenham	1	1
Chelsea	3	Blackpool	1	1
Everton	3	Luton	0	0
Leicester	0	Bolton	0	0
Manchester C.	0	West Brom	2	1
Newcastle	3	West Ham	1	1
Portsmouth	1	Manchester U.	3	1
Preston N.E.	0	Burnley	4	4

Division II

Barnsley	0	Liverpool	2	0
Brighton	2	Sheffield U.	0	0
Bristol R.	4	Swansea	4	4

Charlton	0	Cardiff	0	0
Derby	3	Stoke	0	1
Huddersfield	1	Middlesbrough	1	1
Ipswich	1	Bristol C.	1	1
Leiston	0	Sunderland	0	1
Rotherham	2	Grimsby	0	1
Scunthorpe	3	Lincoln City	1	1
Sheffield W.	2	Fulham	2	2

Division III

Bournemouth	5	Accrington	2	2
Bury	1	Chesham	0	0
Hull	1	Tranmere	0	0
Manfield	0	Rochdale	0	0
Norwich	3	Hallifax	1	1
Notts C.	0	Queen's P.R.	1	1
Plymouth	1	Brentford	1	1
Reading	2	Wrexham	1	1
Southampton	3	Colchester	0	0
Southend	1	Newport	0	0
Swindon	0	Doncaster	0	0

Division IV

Aldershot	4	Gillingham	2	2
Barnet	2	Oldham	1	1
Carlisle	4	Gatehead	2	2
Chesham	2	Southport	1	1
Exeter	3	Hull	1	1
Port Vale	1	Crowe Alex.	1	1
Shrewsbury	1	Darlington	0	0
Truro	0	Crystal Pal.	2	2
Walsall	3	Coventry	0	0
Walsley	4	Hartlepool	1	1
Wokingham	2	York	2	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division II

Queen's Pk	1	Arbroath	0	0
Ards	0	Linfield	3	3
Celtic	3	Bangor	3	3
Crusaders	3	Cliftonville	0	0
Dundee	3	Derry City	0	0
Glenfarg	1	Glenavon	4	4
Partick	3	Billymearns	4	4

—Reuter.

ROYAL STABLE ALL SET FOR ANOTHER GOOD SEASON

By JAMES PARK

The Royal racing fortunes have bobbed up and down like the chart of a flu victim. The first golden era was in the days when King Edward VII was Prince of Wales. He bred two Derby winners, Persimmon ('896) and Diamond Jubilee (1900). They were own brothers and brilliant race-horses.

Herbert Jones rode Diamond Jubilee and he rode another Derby winner in the Royal colours when Minerva was successful in 1909. That was the only time a reigning monarch won the Derby.

War-time Classics

There was no uplift in the fortunes of the Sandringham Stud for many years though everything was carried on in much the same manner by King George V and King George VI. The resurgence of the fortunes of the Royal Stud, now transferred from Sandringham to Hampton Court, has been one of the features of the thoroughbred breeding industry since the Queen inherited the stud in 1952.

The Queen had her best season in 1937 when she topped the list of winning owners for the second time with a total of £62,212 in stake money. Last year, when she was second, she won £47,416.

Much of this success in post-war years is due to the skill of Captain Charles Moss, who has steadily built up and improved the quality of the mares in the stud.

Choice Collection

Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochford has also played an important part in training the horses to the highest pitch of perfection. Both Irishmen, they are a happy team, hoping to achieve even greater honours in the future.

There is a choice collection of blood mares now at Hampton Court under the care of former rider and trainer Ray Palford. The young stock needs to gain a little in scope and strength for there is still a percentage that is lacking in size, but that does not stop small ones like Atlas and High Veldt from winning good races.

One of the latest additions to the stud is Almeria, who is one of the best looking mares one could wish to see. Her first mate will be Elia.

There are others who have already proved their worth and the collection of about 20 mares would bring a fabulous sum if put up for auction.

There are 10 Hampton Court-bred two-year-olds with Captain Boyd-Rochford and I particularly liked Belladonna, the first foal of

Belladonna and by Big Game. He is of medium size but thick-set and with a muscular neck.

Perhaps the best of the bunch is the Never Say Die filly, Optimistic. She has much to commend her on looks with something to grow up to.

Agustus, one of the three colts, will be always easy to distinguish as he is so curiously marked. He has a blaze face but it is really just one blotch of white, and two long white socks which give him the look of a circus horse.

The Palestine filly Square Aere looks sure to go fast, but I would like to see a little bit more of the Abernethy colt Merioneth. Lowlands is a half-sister to High Veldt, low to the ground but well made.

—(London Express Service).

Stirling Moss Wins The 'Glover Trophy'

Goodwood, March 30. Driving on a track made dangerous by heavy rain and hail, Stirling Moss won the "Glover Trophy" here today in a 2.5 litre Cooper-Climax at an average speed of 145.31 kilometres an hour (90.31 mph).

Moss, driving superbly, took one hour, six minutes, 58 seconds to complete the course of 100 miles.

Jack Brabham (Australia) in a similar Cooper was second, a quarter of a minute behind. Harry Schell (USA) in a BRM was third; and Joachim Bonnier of Sweden, in another BRM, was fourth.

Moss covered the fastest lap at a speed of 94.12 miles per hour, but the new Cooper showed a tendency to be light in the tail on corners.

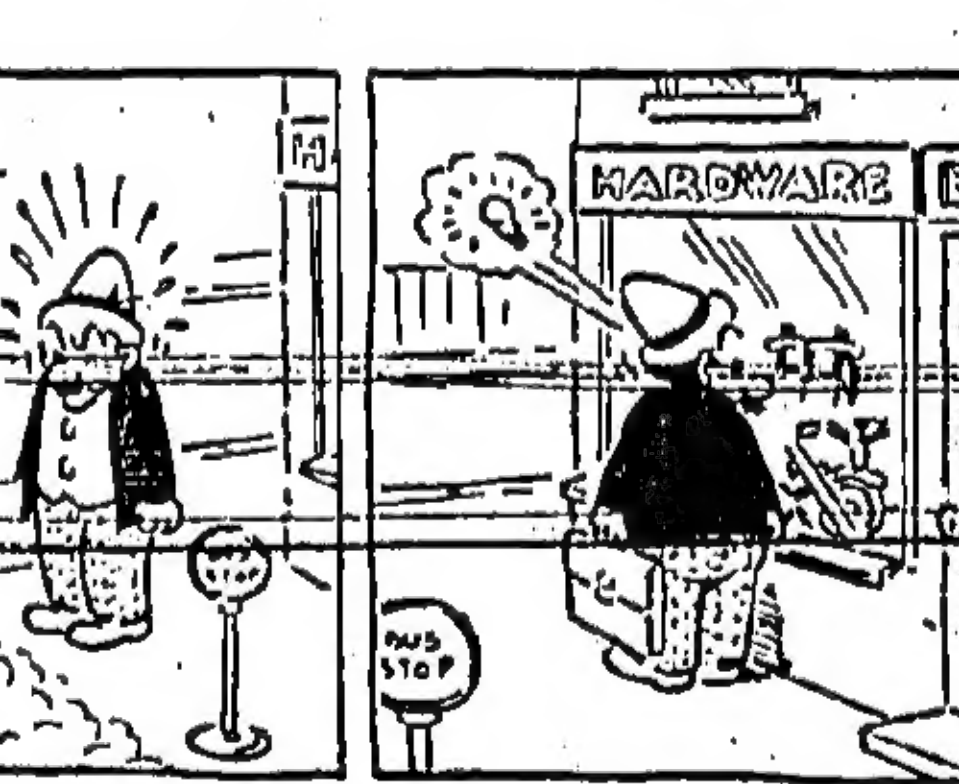
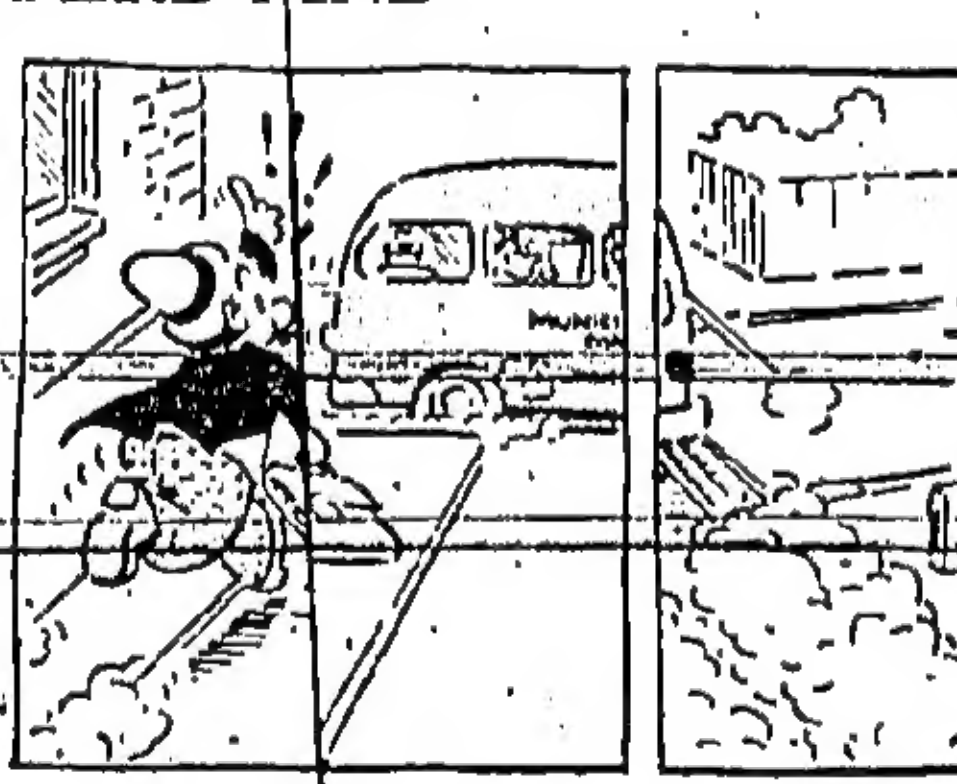
Moss has not yet decided which car he will drive in this season's Grand Prix races. He may switch to the new BRM which he lapped today. But the car was not delivering full power. —France-Press.

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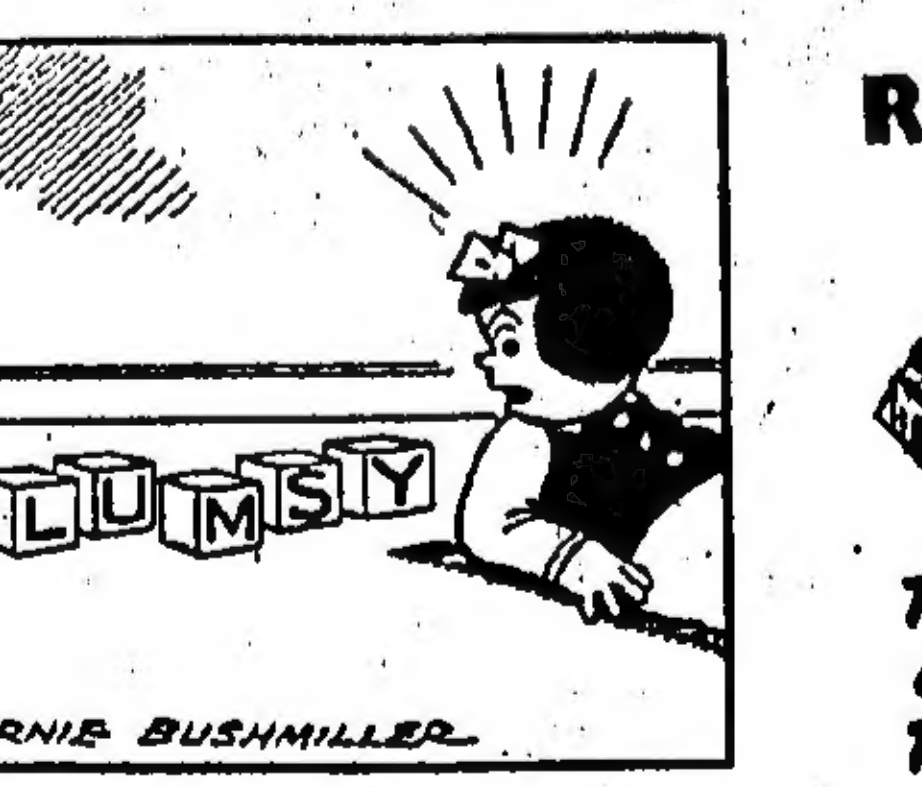
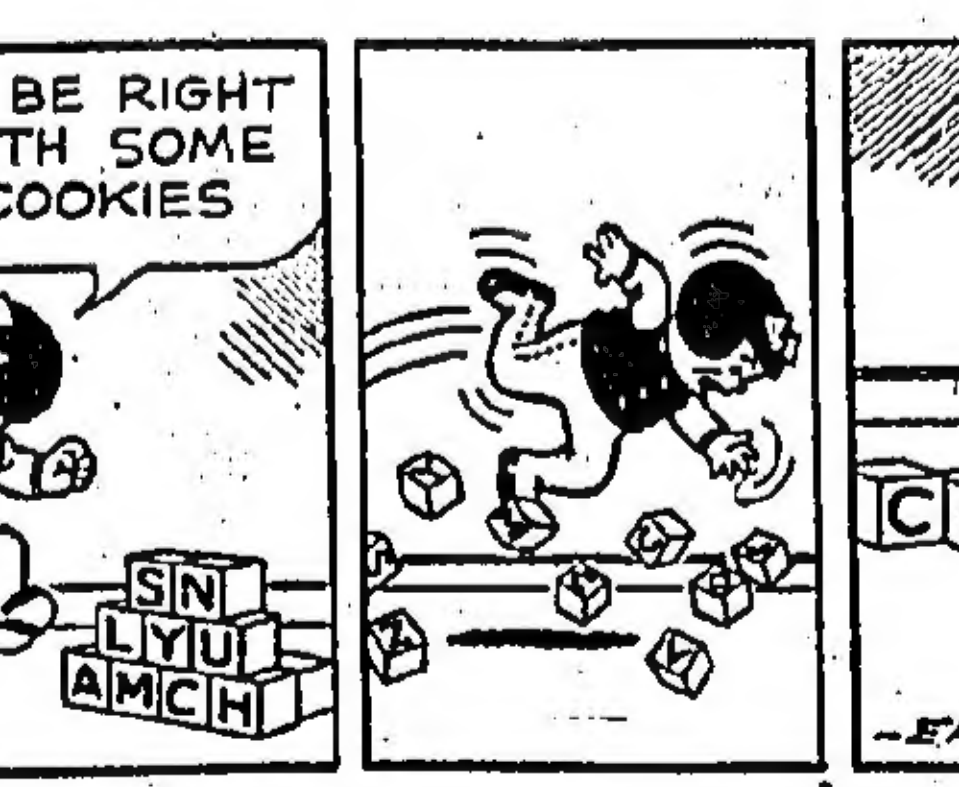
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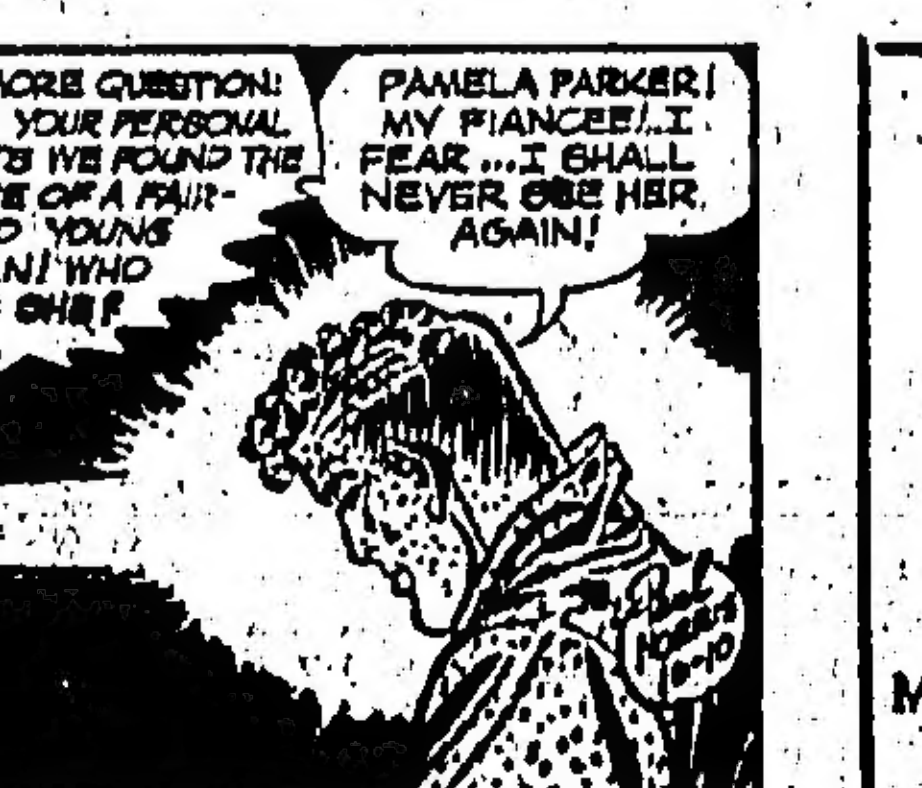
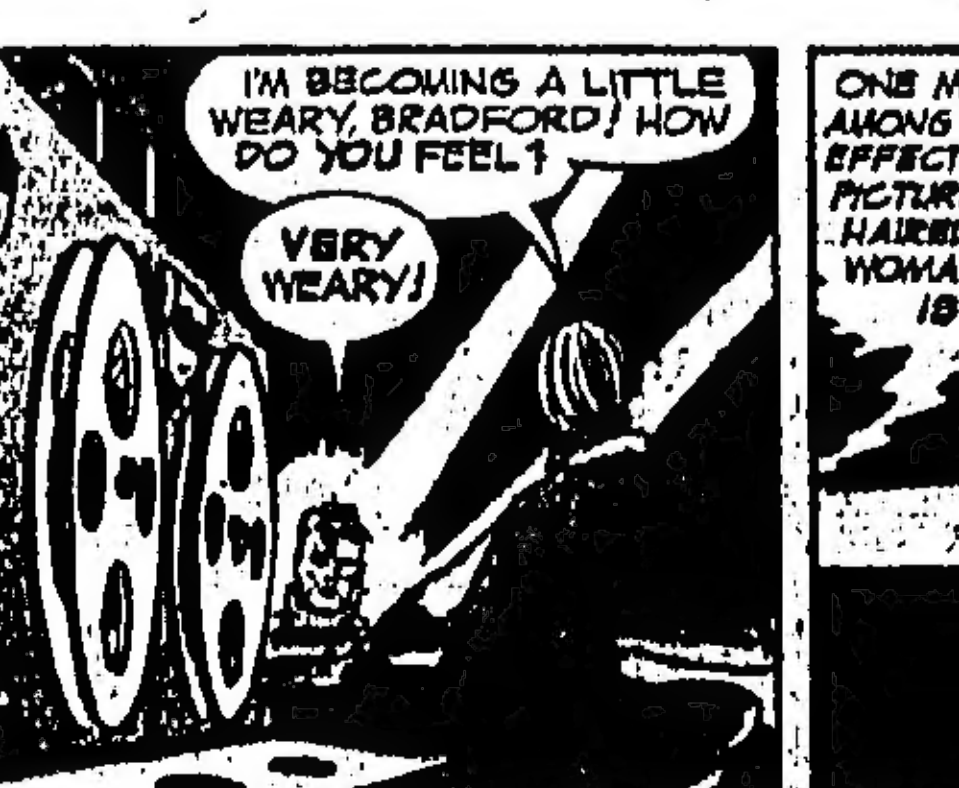
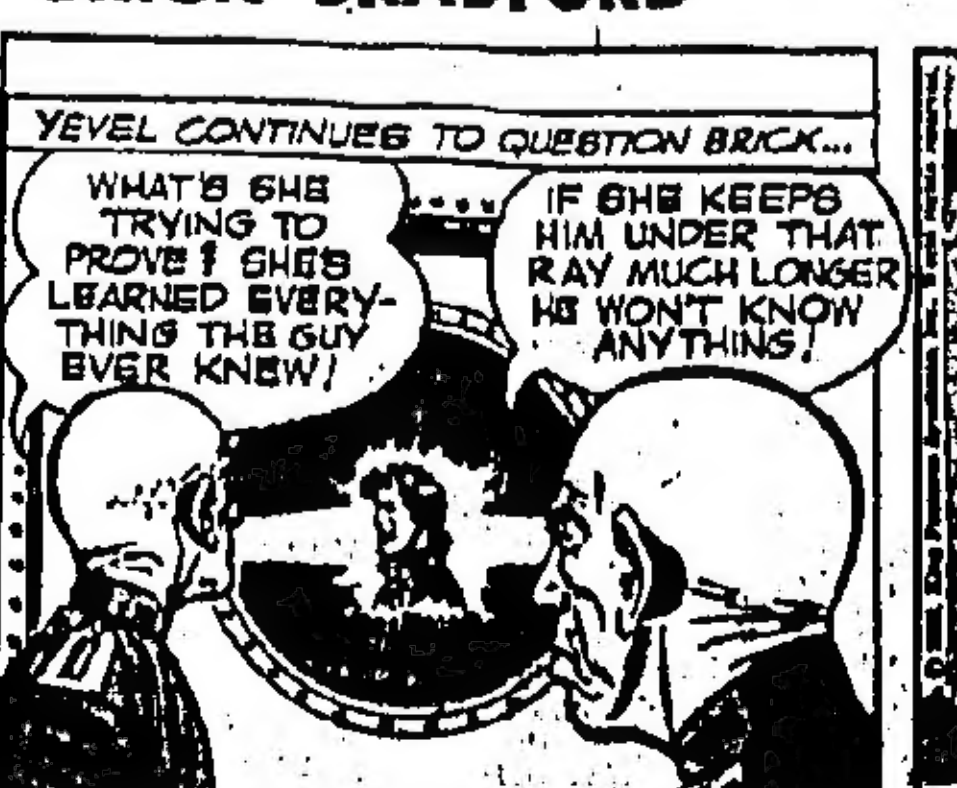
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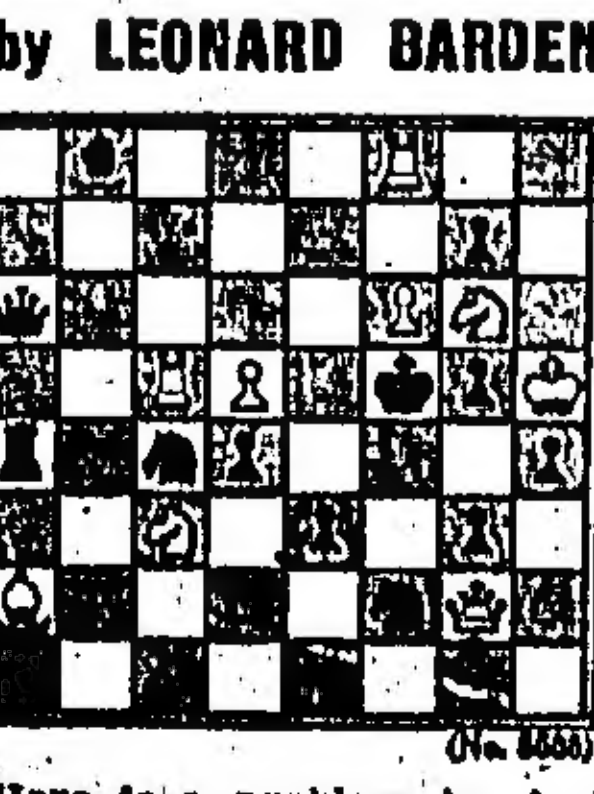
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CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by A. F. Argueles (U.S. Chess Federation, 1946). White to play and mate in two moves.

—London Express Service.

BOY KILLED BY CAR

Driver Had No Licence, Police Officer Tells Court

A businessman accused of crushing a boy to death while reversing his car had told police he had no driving licence, Victoria District Court was told today.

The businessman, Cheung Lai-shek, 50, of 61 Lee Garden Road, third floor, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of dangerous driving, causing the death of Lo Choi-yan, aged six.

Woman Gets 18 Months After Raid On Den

A 62-year-old woman whose drugs den was raided by police last week was sentenced to eighteen months' gaol today.

On March 25, at 8.15 p.m., a police party under Det-Inspector Tam Yuen-ki raided the rear cubicle of 195 Bonham Street East, second floor, and found 23.5 ounces of heroin, 15.8 grammes of heroin and two maces of opium dross in various secret compartments on the premises.

She was Cheung Yik-sin. She appeared before Mr. E. Corbally on three counts of possession of dangerous drugs. She pleaded guilty.

Inspector Tam said that he and a police party went on the raid with a warrant.

They found defendant and a man named Chung Ping-shuen in the rear cubicle.

On searching the premises, they found two aluminium buckets with false bottoms. Inside them were packets which were suspected to be dangerous drugs.

They also found a secret compartment at the top of a dressing table which also contained suspected dangerous drugs.

The packets were analysed by the Government chemists and certified to be heroin, barbitone and opium.



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CRASH WENT THE CUPS & SAUCERS

Woman Gaoled For Second Offence

A Chinese woman went to a cafe yesterday to look for her husband who had been employed there as a fook. But he had been dismissed.

In a tantrum, the woman pushed four cups and six saucers off the table.

This morning she appeared before Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon Court.

The 29-year-old woman, Yung Shuet-ying, of 17 Tai Cheong Road, Tai Hum Village, ground floor, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious damage, and was sent to prison for one month.

The prosecution said the incident occurred in the Yuen Yuen Cafe in Prince Edward Road.

She had a previous conviction for a similar offence earlier this month. Then she had been cautioned and dismissed.

SUMMONS AGAINST DRIVER DISMISSED

Discrepancy In Locality Of Incident

At Central Court this morning, Mr. K. A. S. Philips dismissed a summons against a taxi driver accused of careless driving.

The Magistrate dismissed the case because the locality mentioned in the summons where the incident was alleged to have occurred, was not the same as the place mentioned by the complainant witness.

JURORS OBJECT TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, STAND DOWN

Two jurors who objected to capital punishment were allowed to stand down by the Trial Judge, Mr. Justice C. W. Reece, in the Criminal Session this morning.

The jurors—a woman and a man—were called to sit on a jury to try a case of murder. They told His Lordship that they objected to capital punishment.

Two other jurors were then called and the jury empanelled comprised six men and one woman.

On trial before the Court was Lam Kwong-choi, 45, farmer, who was accused of having murdered Lam Sau-sik, 31, at Tai Po on November 15 last year.

The trial was then adjourned to 9.15 a.m. on Thursday.

Mr. A. Sanghetti, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, assisted by Det. Insp. Moss.

Lam was defended by Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr. D. L. Holland-Roberts, of Hastings and Co.

Coxswain Cautioned

Last Sunday, Cheung Chi-keung, coxswain of motor fishing vessel M1813F, was towing a sampan belonging to the parent craft in mid-harbour.

He was intercepted and charged with causing a breach of his licence conditions—illegal towing.

Brought before the Marine Court this morning, Mr. C. Cairns cautioned the defendant saying that the regulation was not intended to be applied this way. He added that he would do his best to have the regulation amended.

The taxi driver, Lam Hing, of 14 Swatow Street, first floor, was alleged to have driven in a careless manner in Blue Pool Road, junction of Broom Road. He denied the allegation through Mr. V. L. J. Dalton who was instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam of Messrs P. L. Lam and Co.

Overaken
Mr. R. J. Piccolotto of No. 46, Stubbs Road, first floor, the complainant, testified that about 7.50 p.m. on November 30 he was driving along Blue Pool Road towards Stubbs Road.

When near Shing Wo Road, a taxi, No. 4388, driven by the defendant, suddenly overtook him and cut in to his left. He had to brake hard and veer to his left to avoid an accident.

When eventually he caught up with the taxi driver he produced his own driving licence and asked for the driver's licence. He informed the defendant that he intended to report the matter to the police, which he did.

Then the Magistrate drew attention to the fact that the alleged incident was stated to have occurred at Blue Pool Road, junction of Broom Road. Mr. Piccolotto said he had never mentioned the latter thoroughfare and the incident had not occurred at that junction.

Refused
Earlier, just prior to the commencement of the case, Mr. D'Alton had applied for an adjournment. This was refused by Mr. Philips who said that the case first came before the court on February 20 and was fixed for today.

"I am not prepared to grant an adjournment," Mr. Philips said. "This Court is not established for the convenience of anybody."

Dr Watts Leaves
The Director of the Royal Observatory, Dr L. E. M. Watts, left Hong Kong by air yesterday morning to represent the Colony at the 3rd Congress of the World Meteorological Organisation in Geneva.

The Congress will be in session from April 1 to 29 and Dr Watts will later attend the 1959 Conference of Commonwealth meteorologists in London.

COOLER WEATHER LIKELY

The Royal Observatory this morning predicted cooler weather for the next couple of days.

Yesterday's minimum temperature was 69.5. Today's was 65.3.

The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 82.2, but today's maximum is expected to be around 74.

A similar maximum reading is expected for the next couple of days.

The outlook for today and tomorrow is—cloudy with fair periods and fresh gusty winds.

North Point Wharves Profit

The statement issued by the Chairman of North Point Wharves Ltd., at this morning's annual general meeting, said that it was almost impossible to assess the trend of trade in 1958, but a freer movement of cargo may benefit the company.

Profit for the year amounted to \$1,123,230, equal to 15.94 per cent on the issued capital.

A dividend of 75 cents was paid.

In the absence of Major S. M. Churn, N. V. A. Croucher was appointed chairman.

Mr. Croucher proposed that the minutes of the fifty-seventh annual general meeting held on April 11, 1958 be approved.

He was seconded by Mr. R. Reiertsen.

The directors' report, accounts and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1958 was adopted on a proposition by the chairman which was seconded by Mr. R. B. Anderson.

Mr. E. R. Childs then proposed the retiring directors, Messrs R. Reiertsen and K. H. Carree be re-elected. He was seconded by Mr. Tung Hung-tin.

The retiring auditors, Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Chartered Accountants were re-elected on a proposition by Mr. Lam Kin-tak which was seconded by Capt. R. Firkins.

FORGERY CHARGE

A 31-year-old man, Chen Tung-por, of 318 "A" Street, third floor, Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area, appeared before Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon Court this morning, on a charge of obtaining \$2,870 on a forged cheque.

His plea was taken.

Defendant is alleged to have obtained the money from Wong Leung-pun, of 90 Des Voeux Road West, third floor, last November 29.

He was remanded three days in police custody.

Horologists' Stopover

A 22-member delegation of Japanese horologists had a brief stopover this morning en route by Swissair from Tokyo to Europe. Led by Mr. Kenichi Hayakawa, President of the Tokyo Kogei Shinbunsha (Japan Horological Journal), the party is bound for Europe, to survey sales aspects of the Swiss watch industry.

JUDGE TURNS DOWN SIX APPEALS

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Appeals Court this morning turned down an application by a young convict to be sent to a training centre where he could learn a trade.

Wong Shing, 20, unemployed, who had been sent to prison for 18 months for conspiracy to rob, was told by the Judge that offences of that nature were prevalent.

His Lordship told Wong that taking the circumstances of the case into account, the sentence was not excessive.

Wong said he was induced by two others to take part in the conspiracy.

Mr Justice Gregg also dismissed five other appeals.

Long Record

Appealing against a sentence of three months for unlawful possession of two American Express Co. travellers cheques, Lam Ping, 28, unemployed, said the cheques had been given to him by a friend.

The Judge told him he had a long record, with a number of convictions of the same nature.

A 21-year-old carpenter, Koo Kam-shing, appealed against the sentence of 18 months passed on him at Kowloon Court for attempted theft from a pedestrian.

Koo denied the offence, but was told by His Lordship that there was sufficient evidence on which to convict.

Given 12 months at Kowloon Magistracy for failing to report to the police while under supervision, Chin Luen-shing, 32, unemployed, said that previously he had committed the same offence and was given only three months.

Mr Justice Gregg pointed out that because he had done the same thing again, the sentence would be heavier than on the first occasion.

Lam Chau, 29, who was sentenced to 18 months at Kowloon Court for wounding a man in King's Park, resettlement area, claimed he was attacked first and struck back in retaliation.

The Judge told the prisoner that he had used a chopper.

Heroin

The last unsuccessful appellant was Mak Chu, 38, odd-job worker. He had been given three months for possession of a number of small packets of heroin.

Mak asked for a reduction so that he could return to Canton, and was told that his application had no merit.

China Provident Increase Rice Storage

Despite extensive flooding in Cambodia and Thailand and the political upheaval in Burma last year China Provident Company Ltd. increased its storage of rice by 12 per cent.

The Chairman's statement, presented to shareholders at the annual general meeting this morning, said that some confusion and uncertainty hampered merchants towards the end of the year because of a newly instituted scheme of payment.

The statement added that the uncertainty had been "ironed out."

Importation of general cargo throughout the year was adversely affected by a considerable influx of cargo from China, which interrupted supplies from the more usual sources.

The company made a profit of \$2,872,970 over the year. A dividend and bonus of \$1.10 was declared.

CHAIRMAN
In the absence of the Chairman, Major S. M. Churn, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

The adoption of the directors' report, accounts and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1958 was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. L. T. Tsui.

Mr. R. A. Wikstrom then proposed that the retiring directors, Messrs N. V. A. Croucher and R. H. Carree be re-elected. He was seconded by Mr. R. Reiertsen.

The resolution of the retiring auditors, Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Chartered accountants was proposed by Capt. R. Firkins and seconded by Mr. A. H. W. Jones.

From the Files

25 years AGO

AN idea of the appalling conditions in Chinese tenements was revealed at the Kowloon Magistracy when a Sanitary Department Inspector reported that there were 28 adults and four children on a floor where only nine adults were allowed.

The government's attention had been drawn to this particular house following the admission into hospital of a case of typhoid and one of cerebrospinal meningitis from the same floor.

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Mr William Keith Robinson of Messrs T'sao and Hodgson, solicitors, was admitted and enrolled as a solicitor at the Supreme Court yesterday.

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HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, following his annual inspection of the Hong Kong Police Force at the Central Police Station compound yesterday said: "Last year I expressed the hope that the Force would aim at a high standard of conduct, but understand from the Inspector General of Police that there has been marked improvement, the number of defaulters with departmental, being very large."

His Excellency appealed the men to rectify this, pointing out that a force which did such excellent work in many directions should not improve its general conduct."

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News has been received by cable from Jamaica of the successful refloating of the Hongkong-built yacht Tahiti, which went ashore on Crooked Island, in the Bahamas, whilst on the final stage of her voyage to England.

It was on June 1 last year that the Taimoshan set out from Hong Kong, with a crew of naval officers and succumbed in crossing the Pacific on an adventurous trip, being one of the smallest craft to have made the crossing.

Designed by Mr H.S. Row, the Taimoshan was built at Kowloon Docks on racing lines. Her owners intend entering her for some of the races organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club after her arrival in England.

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\$100 Fines For Junkmaster

Fines totalling \$100 were imposed on Lee Yau, master of fishing vessel M1343, by Mr. C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for being under way without a certified coxswain, without navigation lights and failing to renew his licence.

Defendant was returning from fishing when he was caught off Waglan Island in the early hours of March 27.

For mooring their cargo junks outside four other boats alongside freighters at Kowloon Wharf and Ho's Wharf yesterday, three women, Ho Ng, Ho Kwok-hung and Lo Sam, were fined \$20 each.

Airline Chief In Hongkong

Mr Zafarul Ahsan, General Manager of Pakistan International Airlines Karachi, arrived this morning by Swissair from Tokyo, on a visit accompanied by his wife and daughter.

This Funny World



"We're hurried to give a verdict before the cat chases the mice again!"

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